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## Community does it again: UJA campaign over target

Extra funds mean more money to support needed programs

By Barry Fishman

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the UJA campaign 2001 has welcome news for agencies helping the frail elderly, the disabled and organizations that strengthen Jewish identity among teens and young adults in our community. As well extra monies have been set aside to support the United Israel Appeal Federations Canada (UIAFC) work in Israel and overseas. The better than expected results mean Ottawa UJA has an extra \$171,500 to distribute.

Josee Posen, chair of the Supplementary Allocation Committee, is pleased with the success of the campaign. "It allows us to give additional help to the most vulnerable, make programs on Jewish identity more available to the community and help Jews in Israel and abroad."

Stephen Schneiderman, executive director of Hillel Lodge, plans to use the money

to hire and train more feeders. "The extra funds mean that the 15 to 25 residents who need one-on-one attention and stimulation to eat are going to get it." He is appreciative of the community's generosity in helping to fund "this very important and needed service."

For clients of the Tamir Foundation the extra funds mean that staff will be able to visit on a regular basis those with developmental disabilities who live on their own but still need support. According to Mark Palmer, executive director Tamir Foundation, the program "assists those who cannot manage life on their own to make the proper everyday decisions that will keep them safe and healthy."

The extra allocations will also be used to fund Tamir's Judaic program. For many of Tamir's middle-aged clients, it means for the first time in their lives they can



Tamir clients enjoy a Shabbat dinner get-together.

The community's generosity means extra funds are available to support Tamir's Judaic Outreach Program.

attend a Shabbat dinner organized by their peers or celebrate Jewish life by studying for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Palmer says,

"The supplementary allocations are making it happen."

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## Israeli president to speak at CIC Parliamentary Dinner

PM to give keynote address

By Diane Koven

One of the many benefits of living in the nation's capital is the convenience of attending the CIC Parliamentary Dinner & Policy Conference. While people from coast to coast are enthusiastically making flight and hotel arrangements, planning time out from work and families, the "locals" need only mark the date on the calendar and wait for it to arrive.

On Wednesday, March 6, 2002, the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) 17th Parliamentary Dinner & Policy Conference will

take place at the Ottawa Congress Centre. Those who have attended any of the previous 16 will attest to the fact that the event is informative, intellectually stimulating and a unique opportunity to meet and mingle with members of Parliament, media personalities and fellow Jews

from across the country.

In spite of the fact that Parliament will not actually be sitting on March 6, the event will take place and is expected to attract hundreds of participants. "The community has told us that they need a vehicle to give expression to their solidarity

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## Three separate conferences featured at CIC meetings

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ty and support for Israel," said Shimon Fogel, executive-director of the CIC.

This year's conference will be bigger than ever, combining three separate conferences to draw participants from all segments of the Jewish community. On March 5, the day before the main event, 250 grassroots leaders will attend a special LIAT advocacy training conference. LIAT (Local Israel Action Teams) is a network of over 30 groups, which CIC has set up across Canada over the past year to actively engage in pro-Israel grassroots activity.



The Right Honourable  
Jean Chretien



His Excellency  
Moshe Katzav

On March 6, over 500 students from campuses across Canada will participate in their own student conference. "Outstanding people are coming in from

Israel and the U.S. to work with the students and to enable them to work more effectively on their campuses," said Fogel. Workshops are being designed to help the students deal with the particular challenges they face on their campuses with respect to Israel, dealing with Arab propaganda, and to help them feel more comfortable with their Jewishness in a sometimes unfriendly milieu.

The Policy Conference will feature a panel discussion with special guests from Israel, including Member of the Knesset (MK) Avshalom Vilan and

Efrat resident Eve Harrow, who will provide insider perspectives on how they see Israel moving forward in these difficult times.

As well, top names in the Canadian media will discuss Israel's treatment in the media. Margaret Wente from the Globe and Mail; Alison Smith of CBC TV; Pierre Maisonneuve of Réseau de l'Information and Martin Himel, Middle East correspondent for Global TV and the National Post will provide some behind-the-scenes insights into how the news is reported.

Canada's new Minister

of Foreign Affairs, Bill Graham, will be speaking at the Conference luncheon. The guest of honour at the Parliamentary Dinner will be Israeli President Moshe Katzav and the keynote speaker will be Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Information about the Conference is available on the CIC Parliamentary Dinner Website at [www.cicweb.ca](http://www.cicweb.ca) or call the office at 234-8271 to register. The Conference is an opportunity for our community, both local and national, to show our solidarity with Israel.

## Community does it again: 2001 UJA campaign over target by \$171,500

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Akiva High School principal Dr. Hillel Taub is elated with the extra support provided by the community. "It will enable us to reach out to our youth, provide them with quality Judaic programming and help them develop camaraderie, Jewish connections and friendships." The payoff, he says, is that we will be developing our future leaders.

The UJA extra funds mean that last year's successful long distance learning program from the 92nd street Y in New York, Kallah (gathering), can once again be offered by the SJCC. Maxine Miska, SJCC director of programming, says UJA support "means we can offer the Kallah at a reasonable cost."

The supplementary allocations allow the Greenberg Families Library to purchase new books, Camp B'nai Brith to offer subsidies, the Jewish Students Association to defray programming costs, and support for *birthright israel* and Jewish Education through Torah (JET) programming for university students and young adults. Subsidized student tuition at local day

and afternoon school is being offered for those in need.

There are also funds being set aside for a study on student retention in Jewish education. According to Mitchell Bellman, executive director Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir, "this is the most important thing we can do to safeguard the continuity of our community. We recognize the need to look at Jewish education and encourage more en-

rollment." Currently, stakeholders are being consulted on how the study should be developed and conducted.

As well, 20 per cent of the supplementary funds will be allocated to the United Israel Appeal Federation Canada (UIAFC) to help in the absorption of new Argentinian immigrants to Israel and help Jews overseas. UJA Ottawa will also donate more funds to a Partnership 2000 program with the Upper Galilee region.

Marty Davis, director of UJA and OJCF, says the generosity of our community, "once again proves that we are committed to Jews at home and the world over."



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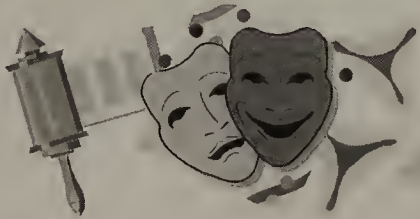


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## Putting the joy back in Purim

In the context of Jewish history Purim is an unusual holiday. It takes place in Persia, it celebrates survival and allows us to perform acts that are normally forbidden.

Throughout Jewish history we learn of anti-Semitism, destruction and redemption. Here we learn of

anti-Semitism and redemption without the destruction. I have said to my children on many occasions that our ancestors died because they were Jewish, the least we could do is live to be Jewish.

We are privileged to live in a time when there is much freedom, and very often the lack of a constant threat allows us to lower our veils and forget that we have a history, heritage, background. That due to destruction such as the Spanish Inquisition, Russian pogroms and Holocaust our numbers are few, yet we still exist.

One of the traditions of Purim is giving packages of food to our friends; another is collecting half a shekel or 50c

before or after the Megillah is read.

Allow me to suggest that we think beyond our local Jewish community to our brethren in Israel. Over the last 15 months Haman has repeatedly attacked civilian population through terrorist attacks, suicide bombers, etc. Over 200 fellow Jews have lost their lives and thousands have been wounded and will never be the same.

Following September 11th, \$1 billion was raised for the victim relief fund and much of this from Jews. But who will help our brethren? How can we influence their Purim? How do we put the joy back into the story of Purim?

We can do this by supporting two voluntary organizations that are working with the families of the dead and the wounded (Selah and Natal). A call has gone out for all of us to do our share. Just imagine if every Jewish family in Ottawa gave \$100 for this cause. Would it really change our lives? Only in that we will have performed a mitzvah by providing tzedakah for those in greater need.

If we are not for ourselves (Jewish people), who will be? Let us rise up and be heard by celebrating the miracle of Purim through our gift of life to our brethren in Israel. This is not part of the annual UJA campaign and will

be sent without any overhead directly to Selah and Natal in Israel. Contributions can be sent in to the UJA (indicate for Relief Fund) or phoned in to Joanne Murray at 798-4696 ext. 242.

On behalf of all the leadership, volunteers and staff of UJA we wish you a Happy and Joyous Purim.

– Marty Davis

## Donor profile: Mark Resnick

Mark Resnick moved to Ottawa in 1979, shortly after he and Cindi were married. They have three teenage children ranging from 14 to 18 years of age.



What makes contributing to UJA meaningful to you?

I have been a UJA donor since 1980. Having grown up in an environment where Zionism was a central element in the life of our family, UJA provides me with a vehicle for expressing my personal commitment to Israel. Beyond that, I can't imagine how one could live in a community such as ours and not contribute to securing and strengthening its institutions and its programs. We teach our children that giving is a mitzvah. How much each of us gives is an individual decision. The key is the expression of commitment implicit in the gift.

Does your donation fulfil your total involvement in community?

I regard my donation to UJA as a necessary but insufficient way of contributing to the community. Financial support is extremely important but giving volunteer time is equally important. Over the years I have been fortunate enough to serve on the Board of the JCC, play an active role in the Community Capital Campaign and I am now participating in the work of the Strategic Planning Task Force of the Vaad Ha'ir.

## Matter for your mind

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but "Thou shalt do."  
Moses Mendelssohn*

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Maxwell, age 9 Talmud Torah Afternoon School.

## The bottom line

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– Zena Dezanshvil, new immigrant and mother of teenage boy killed in Dolphinarium suicide bombing

## Up and coming:

Feb. 18

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Dr. Joshua Teitelbaum

Suicide Terrorism  
in the Middle East

Feb. 25

UJA Committee of the Vaad

March 4

UJA Campaign Directors  
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Seminar in Ottawa

March 6

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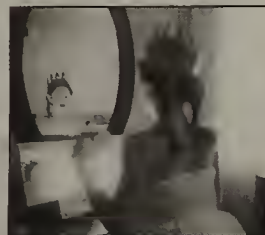
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and Walkathon

July 8

UJA Golf Tournament

## I lift up my eyes ...

*In every generation,  
another Queen Esther.*



## Record number of Ottawa birthright participants visit Israel

### Registration for May trip now on

By Rebecca Holzman

The Embassy of Israel and the *birthright israel* Alumni Committee of Ottawa held the premiere launch of the *birthright israel* Canada documentary on February 4 at the National Library of Canada. Over 200 people attended the event with Bryan Epstein, a past participant and newly trained madrich (group leader), acting as the Master of Ceremonies.

Over 200 hours of film were shot from the various Canada-Israel Experience

community based trips. The difficult task of paring this down to a 45 minute documentary fell to Leonard Pearl and Rina Godfrey of Twelve Tribes Production. They acknowledged that all of the shots were moving and memorable - these just happened to speak to them the most. What they were aiming for was a diverse perspective to show how far-flung yet unified the Jewish people are.

The program featured speakers who shared their passion for Israel. Gerald

Levitz, president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, praised the *birthright israel* trips and encouraged the participants to learn more about their community. Adam Green, a past participant from the Winter 2001-2002 trip put forward an important message - the realization of the need to be there for Israel because Israel has been and will be there for you. He spoke of the incredible connection he made with the people.

Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon came directly to the screening from the airport to

share his positive feelings about the *birthright israel* program and urged everyone to visit Israel. The key note speaker, Irwin Cotler, MP from Mount Royal, gave a stirring speech about his experiences in combating anti-Israel attitudes and encouraged the audience to support Israel in any way possible.

Over 180 young adults from the Ottawa area have participated on a Canadian Israel Experience community based *birthright israel* trip. All of the past groups have been highly motivated to go to Israel but none more so than the Winter 2001-2002 group. Even though

there were concerns about security, there were few cancellations.

The trip saw the highest numbers ever from Ottawa - 30 participants and two madrichim constituting a full bus load. The participants were privileged to be a part of a fabulous 10-day mifgash program. The mifgash program, an integral part of the CIE *birthright israel* trips, provides the opportunity for Canadians to see Israel through Israeli eyes. The Ottawa contingent was paired with over 10 Israeli young adults involved in a special leadership program. Unfiltered exposure to average Israelis

led to many discussions as the Israelis told their Canadian counterparts exactly what it is like to live in Israel. And the Israelis had just as many questions about what life is like in Canada.

The winter 2001-2002 trip attracted 6,000 people from around the world, including 800 Canadians, who made this journey of a lifetime in a strong demonstration of Jewish solidarity.

Registration for the upcoming *birthright israel* trip in May begins February 18, 2002. To register, go to [www.israelifree.com](http://www.israelifree.com). If you have any questions, contact Rebecca Holzman (798-4696, ext. 234).

## Canadian Friends of Haifa University

### appoint new executive director

Terri Davis has been appointed part-time executive director of Canadian Friends of Haifa University, Ottawa Branch. Terri Davis has served in numerous professional and volunteer positions in New York, England and Israel. She has vast experience in organizational development and fundraising.

Davis is organizing a new Canadian Friends of Haifa University committee and would welcome volunteers. On Thursday, February 28, a briefing on "Multiculturalism in the Jewish State: a Case Study" by Professor Jonathan Berg from Haifa



Terri Davis

University will be held at 7:30 pm at Hillel Lodge; and on Saturday, March 9, a fundraiser, a Square Dance, will take place at 7:30 pm at Agudath Israel. The community is invited to both events. Haifa University and its

student population of 13,000 (including 2,000 Arabs) stands as a symbol of peace in Israel. A place of higher learning where young academics study and work side-by-side, Haifa University is a pioneer in the cause of peace. It is dedicated to promoting mutual understanding, respect and cooperation amongst the Jewish, Arab, Christian and Druze population, thus demonstrating that peace is not only a dream but can also be a reality.

For further information or to volunteer for Canadian Friends of Haifa University contact Terri Davis ([tdcfhai@hotmail.com](mailto:tdcfhai@hotmail.com)).



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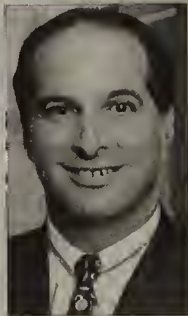
## Building a stronger community through strategic planning

By Diane Koven

It's hard to believe that only a few short years ago, the Jewish Community Campus as we know it today was just a dream. In fact, to many people it was more like a pipe dream – so mammoth and complicated, so vastly expensive that it seemed well beyond the means of the Ottawa community. Fortunately for our community, there were among us enough people who, like Theodore Herzl believed that "If you will it, it is no dream."

Now that the campus is a reality, the community is facing its next big challenge. The buildings and infrastructure are here; now what? To answer the questions of what the Ottawa Jewish community needs – and what we want – and to find the best possible ways to meet these objectives, the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir has formed a Strategic Planning Task Force.

In his inaugural address



Ron Prehogan,  
chair of the  
Strategic Planning Task Force

as president of the Vaad in June 2001, Gerry Levitz laid the groundwork for this initiative. "I believe one of the Vaad's most important functions is to delineate community priorities," he said, "and together with our community organizations, coordinate efforts and activities to maximize results." Now that the Task Force has been formed, Levitz adds,

"This task force is a way to

greatly enhance what we can do in the community if we all work well together."

Ron Prehogan, chair of the Task Force, has been deeply involved in the Jewish community for many years and served as president of the Jewish Community Centre during the planning process to build the new facility. During the Capital Campaign to raise funds for the new campus, he encountered a number of individuals who had not, until then, felt truly connected to the community. "The challenge to me was 'how do we get people like that to feel good about their involvement in our community?'" he said. "The answer is by critically looking at ourselves in a way that we never have and by working hard to give people what they really want and need. People today have more and more choices, both within the Jewish world and without. Our goal is to get them to choose Jewish."

The task force has identi-

fied and labelled community priorities, dividing them into four broad categories called "pillars", based on the model used by the United Jewish Communities of North America: Jewish Renaissance and Renewal; Social Responsibility; Israel/Overseas; and Financial Resource Development.

In addition to Prehogan and his vice-chair, Lewis Leikin, the Strategic Planning Task Force is made up of nine volunteer members from various areas of the community and three members of the Vaad staff under the guidance of Brian Henderson as facilitator. A volunteer member is responsible for each of the "pillars"

and will be convening panel discussions for community members on that area of interest.

The process has begun and letters have gone out to all affiliated community organizations asking them to complete a survey identifying the programs and services they offer and to note the pillar(s) covered by their activities. During the next few months, the panels will meet and, using the results of the survey and the knowledge of the panel members, the panels will identify gaps and needs. Each panel will report to the Task Force and make recommendations. The Task Force will write a draft report, with input from the

agencies that will be presented to the Vaad Executive Committee. When the final report is approved, the community will be brought into the process on a broader basis to allow for the inclusion of as many views as possible.

The Task Force will allow us to establish our priorities as a community and then provide a road map to get there. Both short-term and long-term needs will be considered.

Over the coming months, as an indication of its mandate to be open, transparent and, above all, inclusive, the Strategic Planning Task Force will report regularly to the community on its progress.

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## NCSY expands: finds new home at Soloway JCC

"By the middle of February, we'll be in our new location in the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC)," explains an elated Rabbi Yehuda Alexandroff who has served as the director of NCSY Ottawa for the past 1 1/2 years. "Although we're in the midst of renovations, we have already begun to use some classrooms, social halls and the teen lounge. We want to introduce teenagers and their parents to our exciting, inspiring programs, and with our offices in the SJCC - the communal home of the vibrant Ottawa Jewish community - we can make a meaningful contribution."

In mid-November, NCSY took 20 Ottawa high school students to Montreal for a regional Shabbaton where everyone was introduced to Kids for Kids, an organization that partners youth in the Diaspora with young victims of Arab terror in Israel. A young man, himself a victim, spoke to the students and spent Shabbat with them. "Seeing someone their own



Ottawa NCSY members enjoy a November Shabbaton in Montreal.

age who has experienced the terror that these kids only hear about," Rabbi Alexandroff explains, "was very moving and enlivened their commitment to their people and homeland."

NCSY has also established a weekly after-school club at Nepean High School where kids can learn about the Jewish approach to life issues, such as suffering, death, charity, marriage, friendship and life itself. Developed by National

NCSY in New York, the program uses episodes from popular television sitcoms as the seed for enlightening, lively discussions. "We are the first group in Ottawa to reach out, on an ongoing basis, to public high school youth," Rabbi Alexandroff says. "We believe it's very important for them to have the Jewish perspective on today's perplexing events."

As a result of NCSY's informal alliance with Hillel Academy, many students

from Hillel attend Junior NCSY programs. "We now have an after-school Mishna

class for grades 4 - 7 because Doris Bronstein and Sarah Breiner approached us with this excellent idea," Rabbi Alexandroff explains. "We have scheduled a Junior Shabbaton in February, as well as a weekly program at the SJCC to bring our after-school program, currently running at Nepean High School, to the grade 8 students at Hillel."

Every month, for each of its age groups, NCSY runs a program, such as bowling, laser quest, movie night and Cyberdome.

"Some of our exciting future plans include establishing an after-school club at

Sir Robert Borden High School, organizing two Shabbatonim and a regional Yarchei Kallah, as well as continuing with our monthly programs for juniors and seniors. And if this isn't enough, in June we're bringing the Off-Broadway production of "A Twist of Faith" to the SJCC. I'm so pleased that Ottawa-born Rachel Fyman, currently a student at Stern College in New York, is coming to Ottawa to help us run our programs," Rabbi Alexandroff concludes.

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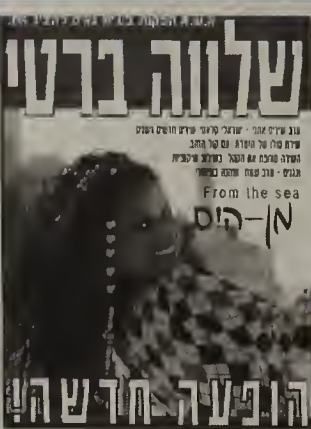
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...to the army of volunteer canvassers – including the contingent of youngsters from Temple Israel's FROSTY – who came out in force on Telethon Sunday to help make the thousands of all-important calls;

...to Creative Kasher Catering, Rideau Bakery and Nine to Five Coffee for providing the fuel to keep the volunteers' tummies full;

...to Naomi Craeower, for assuming responsibility for the Wednesday, February 6th 'Clean Up Telethon'... your Clean Up calling crew did a spectacular job... with a more than a little help from the obliging crew of students from Yitzhak Rabin High School;

...to the Soloway JCC and the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir for turning over your offices and phones for the Clean Up Telethon.

From callers to contributors to everyone in between, JNF Ottawa's heartfelt appreciation for another job well done!

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Your support of the JNF Tu BiShevat Telethon and your continued support of JNF throughout the year, every year will guarantee that philosophy will endure and the land of Israel will flourish and thrive.

### Not to be missed: The Hon. Irwin Cotler speaking on "The Aftermath of Durban"

Did the hatred displayed towards Jews at the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa foreshadow coming events? An emphatic Yes, says The Hon. Irwin Cotler, M.P. The esteemed parliamentarian was present in Durban where he witnessed the outrage first hand. Mr. Cotler will discuss the issues and how the community should respond on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private. Admission is free. Coffee and cake following. The evening is co-sponsored by JNF Ottawa in celebration of JNF's Centennial Year and the Soloway JCC, in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Community Centre.

### Golden Book Inscription

On the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, Tori Spergel, of Toronto has been inscribed in the JNF Golden Book by her proud grandparents, Laura and Gordon Spergel.

On a daily basis you can plant trees for all occasions. An attractive card is sent to the recipient. To order, call the JNF office (798-2411).

## Students have a ball trying out their new steps

By Barry Bokhaut

Students of the SJCC beginner's Ball Room Dance course decided that the annual Chanukah Ball, held in December, right after the last class, would provide an excellent debut for their newly developed dance skills, and ease the transition from class to ballroom. Their course taught a variety of dances, from the traditional Foxtrot and Tango to the Swing and the latest Salsa steps.

At a beginner's level, it is tricky to identify which dance to apply to which tune without the teacher's

prompting. And some felt they still need a little reminder of which steps go where in that "five, six, seven eight" beat.

The class came up with an innovative solution. They invited the teacher as their guest, to fress, shmooze and imbibe with them, and then give them help during the dancing part of the evening. Their teacher, Yvonne Macleod, readily accepted, and true to her dance teacher's role, circulated the floor announcing what type of dance it was, making sure everyone was up and dancing with the



Beginner's ballroom dancers at Chanukah Ball.

proper steps and correct positioning.

Yvonne was all smiles, and commented "I'm having a wonderful time, and the food was so good."

She recognized former

SJCC Ball Room dance students from other classes she had taught. Many came to say hello, renew acquaintances, and join the impromptu class for a dance or two.

## Campus victory for Jewish Student Association

By Ann Silverstone

Jewish students on campuses throughout the free world are daily targets of pro-Palestinian groups who often use distorted facts and outright lies to gain sympathy for their cause.

Now, thanks to the efforts of the Jewish Students Association (JSA) of the University of Ottawa, Carleton University and Algonquin College, the atmosphere on the campus of the University of Ottawa has become less threatening.

On Thursday, January 24 the group calling itself Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) set up a table on the campus of the University of Ottawa and proceeded to hand out materials which were offensive and untruthful.

Several JSA students confronted them and then lodged a complaint with the Student Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO).

After some lengthy negotiations, our students were successful in eliciting a letter from the president of the SFUO, addressed to both the SPHR and the JSA, banning both groups from handing out materials dealing with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Since the only materials which the SPHR have are those dealing with that issue, the letter effectively shut them down.

This is a significant and important victory for the Jewish Students Association in Ottawa. The SPHR was the group, which infiltrated the student body of Concordia University in Montreal.

The JSA is not only about standing up for its rights and keeping Jewish students safe on campus. It also knows how to have fun.

On Monday, February 25 the JSA is holding an all-out crazy Purim costume party for the 18 - 35 set at Babylon, 317 Bank Street with great live performances by local roots, rock and reggae bands Livewire, Red Hensley, Soulstice and Vetrx.

Doors will open at 10:00 pm and the entrance fee is

\$5.00 or \$4.00 with a non-perishable canned food item. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Prior to the party, there will be a Megillah reading along with food and drink on the campus of Carleton University at 225 Res Commons at 7:00 pm.

On Tuesday, February 26 at noon there will be a Megillah reading at the JSA office at 109 Osgoode, followed by a feast and, in the spirit of Purim, gifts distributed to the poor.

## The Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory

The 2002 edition of the Directory will be going to press at the end of February.

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## Core funding key to Jewish way of life for disabled



### VAAD Report

**Mark Palmer**  
Executive Director  
TAMIR Foundation

*Editor's note: Vaad President Gerald Levutz has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.*

Michael is a going concern. Up each day at 7 am and off to the bus stop to grab the #6 to his supported work site at Rogers Ottawa or to his volunteer work at Hillel Lodge. On Fridays he makes sure to get home on time to observe and celebrate Shabbas with his peers in Tamir's Supported Independent Living Program. This Friday it's his turn to prepare and host, with assistance from his counsellor, Shabbas dinner for ten people. There is much excitement in anticipation of the get together. Only a few hours per week of support from Tamir staff helps Michael keep busy, happy, and safe.

Donald too is a busy guy. He swims in the SJCC pool almost every day, volunteers at the Ottawa Food Bank, and is involved in Tamir's Dog Walking program where he exercises pets of members of our Jewish com-

munity at their homes. Unlike Michael, Donald requires total care; twenty four hours a day, seven days a week for almost every activity of daily living from eating, toileting and hygiene to almost every decision in his life.

Both of these men have developmental disabilities, albeit one much more severely than the other. Only a few years ago, support to either of them would not have been possible. Today, Tamir's scope of services includes group homes, supported independent living, out of home respite in our Timeshare home, in-home support, a supported work program, a recreation and life skills day program, and our new Judaic outreach program (see advertisement on page 11). In fact, our organization has doubled in size in less than a year. Sixty-five full and part time staff provide over 85,000 hours of support annually through an operating budget of approximately \$2.5 million.

Growth brings new demands. Families come out of the woodwork wanting to tap into our services. Client needs have become more complex, especially as they age. While expansion has brought additional government funding, it covers only the most basic of needs. Enabling people to live a full Jewish life requires additional resources.

The Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir is supporting Jews with developmental and other disabilities through Supplementary Allocations to Tamir for our "Community Outreach" and "Integration into the Mainstream of Jewish Life" programs. We are truly grateful to the Vaad for

increasing support this year. It has made a real difference in the lives of people like Michael and Donald.

But Supplementary Allocations are not guaranteed; they are only granted if the UJA campaign exceeds its target. So we never know from year to year if Tamir will have sufficient resources to support our clients. However, their needs remain, regardless of whether or not supplementary funds are available. In some cases it makes sense to target funds for one-time or temporary initiatives. However, people with developmental disabilities, by and large, do not overcome their disability through any kind of program or treatment. While Michael and Donald have many accomplishments to their credit, and demonstrate that people with developmental disabilities can live with dignity and respect in a Jewish environment, the fact is they are disabled for life!

Core funding and other means of ongoing support from our community would enable Tamir to do better planning, reduce health, safety and financial risks to clients and the organization, and enable disabled people to live a full Jewish life.

Annualized core funding from the Vaad, renewed individual and family memberships year in and year out and consistent volunteer support are key ways in which our community can ensure people with developmental and other disabilities are able to live full Jewish lives, alongside their families and community.

Oh by the way, if you'd like to join us for a Shabbas dinner, give Michael or Donald a call at 725-3519.



### How I see it

**Bob Dale**

The Talmud tells the story of Rabbi Elisha Ben Abuya, a famous scholar who became a non-believer. Rabbi Elisha was out walking and saw a father and son near a tree that contained a bird's nest. The Torah has many laws about not hurting animals needlessly. One of these laws is that if you're about to take an egg from the nest, you must first chase the mother bird away so she doesn't suffer the pain of seeing her egg being taken away. So the father told the son, "Here's your chance to fulfil this mitzvah. Climb up the tree, shoo away the mother bird, and take the egg."

Hastening to obey his father, the child climbed up, but lost his balance and fell down and died. Rabbi Elisha was troubled by this incident, and decided that if God could allow this to happen, he didn't want to have anything to do with God.

Modern life presents similar challenges to our faith. Families wanting to hold a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at my synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom West, must meet several requirements. One is regular attendance at Shabbat services for several months prior to the joyous event.

Two years ago, Jacob Cepelinski and his son Nathan started to attend services on a more regular basis than they had in the past. Nathan had just turned 12, and his parents, Jacob and Esther, knew how important it was for him to become more familiar with the service prior to being called to the Torah.

At about the same time, Jacob, a quiet, modest man with an engaging smile, went to the doctor to check out some health problems. The diagnosis wasn't good. Jacob,

## A loving son honours the memory of his father

a physical fitness buff who could often be seen jogging in the Craig Henry neighbourhood, had a terminal illness, and would likely live for only a few more months. How could this happen to a young man as apparently healthy as Jacob, a really nice guy with a son on the verge of his Bar Mitzvah? Maybe the doctors had been wrong.

They weren't. Over the months, as Jacob and Nathan continued to attend services, it became obvious that Jacob's condition was getting worse. When Jacob went into the hospital for treatment, Nathan continued to attend services with his mother or even by himself. A week before Nathan's Bar Mitzvah, a family friend rushed into shul, went straight to the Rabbi, and told him that Jacob had just died. The week before my own son's Bar Mitzvah, we were juggling with last-minute details. The week before Nathan Cepelinski's Bar Mitzvah, he and his family were attending a funeral and sitting shiva.

The shiva ended on the day of the Bar Mitzvah. It was a bit surreal, Nathan in his suit, his mother and sisters in the front row, beaming their approval on his special day. Just like the other Bar Mitzvahs that have taken place at my synagogue or yours, except that the Bar Mitzvah boy's father had just died. Nathan performed flawlessly, reading the Torah portion and the Haftarah seemingly without effort, and giving a Bar Mitzvah speech that was among the best that had ever been delivered at Congregation Beth Shalom West. At the end of the service, when the group of men in their fifties stood up to say Kaddish, everybody wept when the little Bar Mitzvah boy joined the line and began to chant along with them.

The story doesn't end there. For the next year, when other teenagers were catching their last minutes of sleep or rushing off to some school activity, Nathan Cepelinski could be found in the Kaddish line at Congregation Beth Shalom West. It's quite an obligation, one that many grown men find difficult to fulfil. But not Nathan. In fact,

his mother told me that Nathan took it on his own, without any prodding, to honour his father. Not an obligation, you see, but a responsibility.

Nathan has just ended his mourning year, and I know there's still tremendous sadness in the Cepelinski household. But there's also something really positive, and he's what it is. As a parent, you try to teach your children what's right and what's wrong. You hope they'll follow the right path when they're old enough to make choices of their own. Like Nathan Cepelinski has.

I'm sure Jacob Cepelinski knew what a fine boy he had. I know he'd be absolutely delighted if he knew what a fine young man his son Nathan has grown into, and the path he's chosen to follow in his own life.



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## Editor

Barry Fishman

My first reaction to hearing words like 'strategic planning task force,' 'funding envelope' and 'supplementary allocations recommendations' is having my eyes glaze and a fervent wish that a) someone would explain in plain English what the hell are these people talking about or b) if that's not possible can I please leave because I have been tasked with another assignment.

Since b) was out of the question, I kept at it until it was explained to me in plain English that even I, hater of bureaucratic jargon, could understand. Here is what I found out: The volunteers and staff working on these different projects are committed to building a stronger community that looks after its members here, in Israel and overseas. More importantly, the processes they have set up mean all decisions are transparent and focused on community input.

In the next few months, you are going to hear a lot about the Strategic Planning Task Force as it attempts to establish the short- and long-term needs of the community. Pay attention. This is your opportunity to help shape the future. Ron Prehogan and company will be consulting with different organizations, writing a draft report and presenting it to the community for feedback. Let them know what you think the priorities of our community should be.

The supplementary allocations funds are possible because the community was extremely generous to the UJA. Josee Posen, chair of the Supplementary Allocations Committee, says that that the Vaad accepted the

## Sometimes jargon makes perfect sense

following formula: 40 per cent of the extra funds would go to helping the vulnerable, 40 per cent to strengthening Jewish identity and 20 per cent to help the needy in Israel and overseas. The funds allocated are based on the needs of the organizations appearing before the committee.

It was decided that one of the principles of the allocation was that "funding is given strategically to a few programs at a higher level, rather than spreading the funds thinly through many programs." Posen feels that "the way we are allocating funds is starting to improve" and the process is now "transparent, rational and fair." She rightly suggests that a transparent process "builds community."

What I have learned from wading through the sometimes confusing reports is that community volunteers and staff are constantly striving to be more open, transparent, inclusive and fair. They want your input to make our community better.

This community has much to be proud of. Time after time, I am amazed at how quickly we respond to community needs such as the plight of the food bank, the support shown to UJA and communal organizations, and the number of volunteers who year in and year out help make this community run. And as we plan our immediate and long-term future, I am positive that more of us will help strengthen our community by getting involved.

## Mailbag

### Helping victims of terrorism

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* and writer Shelli Kimmel for the January 21 front page article, entitled 'Student Project Supports Victims of Terrorism' which brought our attention to the urgent need of helping Israel's victims of terror and their families. Commendations to Marty Davis and the UJA of Ottawa for initiating and implementing the Ottawa Relief Fund Campaign for victims of terror in Israel, where all funds collected go directly to the Israel Crisis Management Center (SELAH) and to the Israel Trauma Center (NATAL).

Often we do not take the time to think about the plight of the victims and their families beyond the initial shock and sadness of their tragedies. But, we are able to help even though we are not there. Indeed, we have a moral duty and an obligation to do so. I hope that many will contribute to

the Relief Fund Campaign and follow the example set by the students of Yitzhak Rabin High School in the mitzvah of giving.

Yasher Koach to Dr. André Engel, to the students of Yitzhak Rabin, and to United Jewish Appeal for pushing forward Yitzhak Rabin's "Looney Fridays" tzedakah pushke project to include all Jewish schools in Ottawa. Much success.

Elly Leyman

## Letters welcome

Letters to the Editor are welcome if they are brief, signed, timely and of interest to our readership. The OJB reserves the right to refuse, edit or condense letters. The Mailbag column will be published as space permits.



## From the pulpit

Rabbi Ely M. Braun  
Beth Shalom

This coming Shabbat, is *Shabbat Zachor*, the Shabbat of Remembrance. In the book of Deuteronomy (25:17-19) we read: "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way, as you departed from Egypt. How he encountered you on the way and cut down the weaklings trailing behind you, while you were faint and exhausted, and he did not fear God. It shall be that when Hashem, your God, lets you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land that Hashem, your God, gives you as a heritage to bequeath; you are to erase the memory of Amalek from beneath the heaven. Do not forget."

Remembrance is the theme of the additional Torah reading of Shabbat Zachor. The Shabbat prior to Purim was selected for the special reading because Haman the protagonist of the story of Purim was a descendent of Amalek. In a world where evil exists it is our responsibility to challenge and attempt to eradicate it. Of the 613 Commandments in the Torah, Amalek is the subject of three. Two positive commandments: Remember what Amalek did onto you ... and blot out the memory of Amalek. And one negative commandment: Do not forget ... The Sifri explains that "to remember" implies with our mouth and "do not forget" implies with our heart.

It is interesting that the Torah itself commands the

## A Shabbat for remembrances

Jewish people to remember five other unique events. In Deuteronomy 16:3, we are told, "That you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt all of the days of your life." This is commonly known as *zecher yetzitat mitrayim*: Remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. The story of the Exodus is mentioned twice a day in the *Shema* (Hear, O Israel... prayer) of *maariv* (Evening Service) and *Shacharit* (Morning Service). The theme of our exodus and redemption from the slavery of Egypt is a psycho-spiritual inspiration to help us climb out of all our pitfalls in life through knowing God's gift of redemption.

The remembrance of *matan torah*: Receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai is found in Deuteronomy 4:9-10. The recognition of Revelation at Sinai places upon the Jew a special relationship with God that includes our responsibility to a unique legal and moral code of behaviour and its subsequent obligation to humanity to be a kingdom of priests and a light unto the nations. This is part of the foundation of our identity and our essences as Jews.

*Zechirat m'aseh ha'egel*: Remembrance of the Golden Calf (*Deuteronomy* 9:7) Some have interpreted this remembrance as a warning not to deviate from the ways of the Torah. Even though the intent of the Golden Calf may not have been the abandonment of God, the final result would have led the people astray into the realm of idolatry. Today's forays away from the Torah are also invitation to disaster.

*Zechirat Miryam*: Remembrance of Miriam (*Deuteronomy* 24:9.) This remembrance is a reminder to refrain

from *lashon harah*: idol gossip and slander. The problem of *lashon harah* can be understood in this beautiful parable. Once upon a time a Rabbi responded to an abundance of *lashon harah* in his community, by inviting some of his congregants to accompany him on a field trip to the heights overlooking the city. There he opened a pillow filled with feathers, scattering them in the wind. He then turned to his congregation and asked them to gather the feathers. They looked at the Rabbi in amazement and said, "you know it can't be done." The Rabbi looked at them and said, "Remember, so it is with the words of *lashon harah*."

*Zachor et yom ha shabbat lekadsho*: Remembrance of the Shabbat (*Exodus* 20:8) This is the fourth of the Ten Commandments in the Book of Exodus. In the Decalogue of the Book of Deuteronomy (5:12) the Fourth Commandments reads "Keep (*Shamor*) the Sabbath Day..."

We begin the Shabbat with the words of the *Kiddush*. We stand, as witnesses before a universal tribunal proclaiming God's role in the universe as the Creator, using the words *zicharon lema'aseh bereshit*: Remembrance of creation. Shabbat is a time to recharge our spiritual batteries. The remembrance of Shabbat (as well as its keeping) is part of a paradigm shift between time and space.

Many of us wear the *zachor* Remember Button on our lapels during the week of Yom Ha'Shoah. I enthusiastically support the wearing of the button and the remembrance and commemoration of the Holocaust. However, I also urge us all to remember the other remembrances we have as Jews.

## Queen's Jewish Studies Program enriches Kingston community

By Regina Rosen

The Kingston Jewish community is one of the few small communities in Canada that is growing and vibrant. We have been asked many times, and have even asked ourselves, what is the reason for our success? The answer is complex but one factor is the presence of Queen's University.

Since 1841 all of Kingston has benefited from being the home of Queen's but since the creation of the Jewish Studies Program in 1992, the university's 15,000 students, the general community and, in particular, the Jewish community have had an additional opportunity to be enlightened.

As the current Program Director Professor Gerald Tulchinsky says, having a Jewish Studies Program "creates opportunities to understand the less familiar side of the equation, to see the roots of Christianity and to explore the important and essential Jewish component in the culture and history of Western civilization."

Under the leadership of Dr. Tulchinsky, the program is growing and thriving. The curriculum provides study in Hebrew language, literature and history from biblical times to the present, as well as offering a balanced view of the different components of Judaism, the varied experiences of the Jewish people,

the role of Judaism in western civilization and Judaism's interactions with other cultures. The eleven courses now available represent a remarkable range of scholarly fields and are clear evidence of the wide-ranging and multidisciplinary nature of Jewish Studies.

In addition to a range of courses, the existence of the Program means that public lectures and a library with 1,300 new titles, purchased with funds from the Jewish Studies Library Trust, are available to the entire community.

Having taken Jewish Studies courses in each of the last ten years, I can attest to their strengths. This term, I am enrolled in an interdisciplinary course: The Jewish Tradition in English Literature. My classmates, Jewish and Gentile, represent students enrolled in Commerce, Computers, Drama, Engineering, Language, Psychology, Religion and others. A young math major (obviously Jewish) told the class, "I am taking this course to escape from numbers. And besides, my mother will love me!"

The Program is complemented by two well-attended public lecture series that are free and open to the public. The Rosen Lecture Series was created "to enable the wider community to better understand the living and

vital tradition of Judaism, its relationship to other religious traditions and its role in the development of contemporary civilizations, and to explore the historical role played by Jews and Jewish thought." Lecturers have addressed Jewish perspectives on science, film, fiction, feminism, human rights, art and business ethics. They have explored Jewish archeology, history, ritual and textual interpretation.

For the last three years, the Program in Jewish Studies has also presented a highly popular series, presented by members of the Queen's faculty and distinguished visitors. The 2001-2002 schedule, People and Ideas in Jewish History, offers the opportunity to "observe in depth the intellectual and social transformation of the Jewish people in modern times."

Queen's Hillel, an organizational focus for the Jewish

student community on campus, provides a vehicle for Jewish students to interact socially, address Jewish concerns locally and internationally and help to ensure that there is a representative Jewish voice at Queen's. Although an independent body, Hillel depends on the Jewish Studies Program for support in a variety of ways. The most recent example is the establishment of a new fund set up through Jewish Studies that will provide money to expand Hillel's programs in a way of their choosing.

Of undeniable importance to the growth of this program, Queen's recently announced that the Chair in Jewish Studies has been included as an academic priority for the Campaign for Queen's. "Jewish Studies has thrived in recent years with an outstanding program of scholarly activities, academic

courses and outreach programs for the community," says Principal William C. Leggett. "During the previous campaign, more than \$1,000,000 was raised in support of the Chair. At this time, Queen's wishes to build on the strength of this program, and to ensure its long-term stability and success, by seeking additional funds to enhance and expand the Chair in Jewish Studies."

Many of us would probably subscribe to the dictum of Allan Bloom, who said, "Education is the movement from darkness to light." Thanks in part to Queen's, Kingston is one bright place to be if you're Jewish.

Regina Rosen, along with her husband Irving, was responsible for helping initiate the Jewish Studies Program and for raising the initial funds to launch it.

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- April 9 Diaspora Jewish Identities  
and the Post-Zionist Debate
- May 7 Daughters of the Diaspora:  
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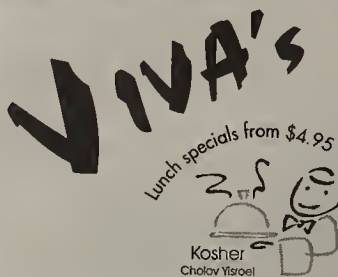
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# Buddhism infuses everyday life in Thailand

By Tammy Stone

Most mornings, I see a monk on my way to work, walking barefoot in his golden-coloured robes, carrying his alms bowl. He walks slowly among the hordes of business people, and stops at the same little shop every time I see him. Wordlessly, he pauses at the door, and an elderly woman appears with food wrapped in a neat package. She gingerly places it in the monk's bowl, and he stands serenely before her as she closes her eyes, clasps her hands together under her chin, and silently prays. Then she looks up, he smiles and slowly continues on his way.

Giving food to monks on their daily morning alms rounds is called "making merit." For the monks, who don't work in the standard labour force, this morning

ritual is also their primary if not sole source of food, which they eat before noon; they don't eat again until the next dawn. For the alms givers, who are making merit for themselves, a friend or loved one, it is a way of maintaining harmony and peace, and good karma.

This informal "contract" between Buddhist monks and the laity in Thailand is astonishing to the Western observer for its pervasiveness as a cultural foundation. Not all Thais make merit on a day-to-day basis, but it wouldn't be uncommon for a poor rice farmer in a village - villages are where Buddhist temple compounds are most influential as a community center - to make merit despite not having enough food to eat themselves. Even in big cities, like Bangkok and Chi-

ang Mai. Buddhism can be felt, not only as a religion, but as a pervading social and philosophical underpinning.

Over 90 per cent of Thais are Theravada Buddhists, the original form of the religion, which was founded 2545 years ago and spread to Thai-

and, along with an ascetic regimen including daily meditation, take time to preside over ceremonies, teach and provide homes for poor youth, and offer counselling to the public. There is a dynamic between the Sangha, or Religious Council, and

part, especially in an age where we're all so busy working and being engaged in otherwise non-religious activities, being Jewish is a part-time job, to put it crudely. Except for a select few in the rabbinate, we don't have time to "be Jewish" with our full consciousness. There are rules to observe and ways to be a mensch, but to be fully "Jewish" would require a lot more time for reflecting and studying. And in our kind of society, as opposed to the shtetl culture of pre-war Europe, Jewish Councils are now needed less for providing to Jews on a daily basis than for supporting political causes on the other side of the world.

Buddhism, whose basic scriptures teach that physical life is impermanent, and that to end desire means to end suffering, has also infused

the citizens of this country with a collective serenity; smiles are much more prevalent than looks of stress. Confrontation is almost nonexistent, taxis all contain mini statues or images of the Buddha, and one of the best-selling vendor items on the streets are jasmine flower garlands put up in spirit houses (which adorn the front lawns of all office and apartment buildings in the country), car mirrors, or outside storefronts all over Thailand.

It's been fascinating to live amid a people for whom religious and social life are intertwined in a way that illuminates how segregated the two are in the West. It's also an inspiring example of how much a religion can inspire people to act in ways that belie an inner peace and enjoyment in humanity.

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land in the 3rd century B.C. Unlike Judaism and other monotheistic religions, Buddhism circumvents dogma and institution, paving the way for enlightened freedom and providing practical as well as spiritual guidance. Monks, who follow 227 precepts to the layman's five, dwell in temple compounds

Thai government/citizens that surpasses the formal boundaries between religion and state in the West.

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Here is the schedule for the next 3 months. Keep a close watch on the Bulletin for additional programs, as they become available. You can sign up and join a program at any time simply contact: Leah Smith Judaic Outreach Coordinator 798-7268, 722-4186

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Jewish Cooking & Baking	Gittle Sheffield's 767 Canterbury	Sunday's Feb. 10 March 3 April 14	Homenashan Kugels Challah/Navdallah 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Fun In The Pool	SJCC Pool Lower level	Saturday's Feb. 16, 23 March 2, 9	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Tamir Choir	SJCC Classroom 2+3 lower level	Wednesday's Feb. 13, 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20 April 10, 17, 24	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Move & Relax	SJCC Arts Studio Lower level	Sunday's Feb. 24 March 17 April 14	10:30 - 11:30 am
Sing & Play Along	SJCC Art Studio Lower level	Sunday's Feb. 24 March 17 April 14	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Fun & Games	SJCC Classroom 5 Upper level	Sunday's Feb. 17, 24 March 17, 31 April 28	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Popcorn & Movie	SJCC Classroom 5 Upper level	Sunday's Feb. 17 March 3 March 3 April 14 April 28 Masada	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Family Dance	SJCC Social Hall A Upper level	Saturday, March 16	7:30 - 10:00 pm
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Rambam-Maimonides grade 3-4 teacher Ms. Yeng Chac helps students Mushky Berger, Aliza Gordan and Esther Caytak with their projects. In the background David Botnick works on his project.

**ArtSmarts program connects  
young people with arts community**

By Barry Silmsen, B.A., M.Ed.

This year, for the first time, Rambam-Maimonides has received a grant from the Community Foundation of Ottawa for a special program called *ArtSmarts*.

Objectives of *ArtSmarts* are to connect young people with the arts community, to involve young people actively in the arts, to enhance appreciation of the importance of culture and the arts, and to integrate arts activities in non-arts subject areas in a way that is aligned with provincial curriculum.

To address these goals, two art teachers will work at Rambam-Maimonides with students from grades 1 to 8

each afternoon in February.

Students will learn drawing, puppet and mask making, mural painting, and print making. This work will be used in a Purim play, which will provide opportunities for drama and script writing.

All of the activities will be done in small groups with an excellent pupil-teacher ratio, so that a tremendous amount of learning can take place. The teaching staff will also be active every day in all phases of the work, making it a learning experience for them, too.

At Rambam-Maimonides teachers give extra time to a

variety of activities because they recognize the added depth they give to programs. These activities range from drama after school, to "Ketchup clubs" at recess for students who want extra practice in their academic subjects. At varying times of the year, there are also sports for girls and boys. This year a public speaking club has met after school. There is a French scrabble club for younger children, and a board games club.

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To commemorate first Yahrzeit of her dear daughter, Amanda, by Hannah London.

## Cooking with 'Alyce & Friends' premieres on Shalom Ottawa

In an attempt to provide "tasty and satisfying" new material, Shalom Ottawa is set to launch a new segment as part of its monthly program.

Hosted by chef extraordinaire and former *Bulletin* food columnist, Alyce Baker, the new series is to be televised beginning in February.

Each month, Alyce will invite a friend onto the set where they will share banter, secrets, food tips and create some savoury sensations.

"Food and friendship have a great deal in common," says Alyce.

"Both are important sustenance in life. Both require



Alyce Baker

ing special ingredients including love, care and attention."

Guest cooks will be announced in future editions of the *Bulletin*.

February's lineup includes not only the launch of 'Cooking with Alyce and

Friends', but also a dash of information on a new Relief Fund and a stirring meeting with Cantor Subar on the upcoming Chazanut Shabbaton.

Future shows will feature a look at Rideau Bakery, the UJA Walkathon, interviews with March of the Living participants and much, much more.

If you have any ideas you'd like to see on the show, call Rebecca Holzman (798-4696 ext. 234) or email (shalomottawa@hotmail.com).

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## FLASHBACK

Little girl running in a sack race at JCC Day Camp in Ottawa, 1965.  
(Photo: Apex Photos, Ottawa Jewish Archives)

## What's in for Summer 2002

### "Girl Adventure Camp Poised for Success"

This Year, the SJCC Day Camp has added new and exciting specialty programs such as the "Girl Power Adventure Camp" which will provide a fantastic gymnastics, dance, climbing, biking, scuba, and multimedia experience for girls aged 8-10 and 11-13. "Every girl in the community will want to join this camp", says SJCC day camp parent Jodi Kathron.

For more information please contact Shawn Mozen at 798-9818 ext. 227.

## Day Camp delivers discount for Summer of 2002

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre is proud to announce a 10% discount for Summer Day Camp 2002. The discount is increased from last year's early bird special. Linda Kerzner, President of the SJCC exclaims: "We are looking to register campers before April in order to facilitate the planning and scheduling of summer camp events and activities." Early Registration discount deadline is March 5th.



## Anyone up for 7 Card Stud?

### SJCC special fundraising events aim high

The Spring of 2002 will feature two new ground breaking special events for the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

On the 14th of April the SJCC will host "An evening in Las Vegas". This classy, high-rolling affair will feature hourly raffle draws, deli bar, door prizes including a trip for two to Las Vegas, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, trophies, cash bar, and most of all, a poker playing marathon to determine who is the ultimate card shark. "If you love playing cards then this is a night you can't miss", says Event Chair Irv Hoffman.

Later that month, The SJCC and Ottawa Modern Jewish School will entertain the community with a Sing-a-

Long Fiddler on the Roof extravaganza. The Mayfair Theatre will be transformed into the town of Anatevka in Tsarist Russia. If your movie going experience usually involves kicking back, and munching on popcorn, then this original matinee at the silver screen will be a treat not soon forgotten. The event is being touted by many for its sense of imagination, creativity and fun, where the audience becomes the star of the show! Dress up as your favorite fiddler character and join the SJCC in celebrating this award winning 1971 classic movie.

In June, Hillel Academy will join forces with the SJCC to host the 10th Annual Desert Classic Golf Tournament. On the slate for the fall

season, to commemorate its golden anniversary, the SJCC will be holding a President's Dinner that will honor Jewish Community Centre leaders of the past, present, and future.

"The success of these events can only be truly realized if a strong volunteer contingent is assembled to bring everything together", says President and COO Linda Kerzner.

The SJCC Revenue Development Manager Josie Finestone mentions: "If you want to get involved, and have experience in event planning and coordination, then we have a place for you on our team". For more information on the SJCC Event Fundraising Team please contact Josie Finestone at 798-9818 ext. 444.

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## ... With open arms

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre is excited to welcome The National Conference of Synagogue Youth to its administrative office space located at 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

Renovations are close to completion and Rabbi Alexandroff, Director of NCSY, has been conducting business in the building since the beginning of February.

The Ottawa office has been located at Rabbi Alexandroff's residence for the past year and a half. Besides the increase in NCSY members, Rabbi Alexandroff mentions that "the SJCC embodies the philosophy of Jewish community. This is the Centre for all Jewish youth movements and Jews alike."



TRIBUTE TO A TRUE LEADER: Ian Sherman and wife Randi are honored at the SJCC Annual Meeting. (Photo: Peter Waiser)



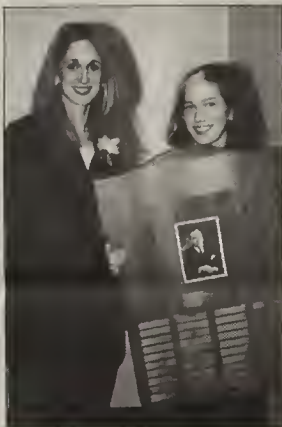
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**SJCC ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS**  
(Above) Ariella Kimmel and Avi Krym receive teen leadership awards from Shawn Mozen.

(Left) Riva Levitan receives Karp Award from Andrea Karp on behalf of recipient Ruth Levitan. (Photos: Peter Waiser)

## GANON is a Garden of Eden for Children



*"The Ganon Preschool Program at the SJCC is a fabulous learning experience for Daniel. Both academic and non-structured activities allow him to explore and discover in a nurturing and fun environment, under the guidance of warm and caring, qualified staff"* – Marilyn Adler and Neil Blacher.

### Registration Dates Remaining:

**February 17-28, 2002**

Non Members enrolled  
and SJCC members not enrolled.

**March 1, 2002**

Open registration begins.

In order to qualify for Member rates and privileges, you must have a Family Membership or be a Silver, Gold, or Platinum Benefactor.

For more information please contact  
Jennifer Devries at 798-9818 ext. 280.

## Purim celebration will surpass all expectations

Over the years, the SJCC has had an excellent track record of putting together very successful Purim parties. This year the party of the year will be turning into a full blown community celebration!

This year, more than ever before, adults and children of all ages will gather to nosh on hamantaschens and refreshments, play games, visit carnival booths, and parade through the Centre wearing outrageous costumes.

Avivit Erlichman from the Vered Israel Cultural Programs Department says: "This is an opportunity like no other in the Jewish community ... It is a great chance for children to familiarize themselves with the spirit of Purim."

Along with all of the fantastic carnival booths, younger children will be able to participate in a new "Kids Corner" which will have activities such as coloring, floor puzzles, storybooks, and more. In addition, Jack Messinger will be directing an



interactive Purim Show with the children.

The Purim Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 24th from 1-3 pm. at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. The SJCC is very excited to be partnering this annual event with JET.

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Cardiac Rehab Program pumps out new grads

In June 2001, the SJCC embarked on a new chapter in providing health and wellness services to its members and to the Ottawa community at large. Since that time, the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program has gained a strong reputation for providing unparalleled physical, emotional, and social well being to its participants.

The SJCC had been chosen as the location for the only satellite program in the Ottawa-Carleton Region.

"The SJCC has great amenities ... the gymnasium is bright, spacious, and clean," says one cardiac participant.

Anyone who walks into the exercise area can appreciate the upbeat ambience that is generated by the music and positive attitude of the SJCC staff. In addition, participants are equally raving about the equipment that the Centre provides for this program. The Recumbent Bicycles and Schwinn Air Resistant Bikes are widely regarded as effective tools for patient rehabilitation.

Aside from the first-class facilities, the SJCC Cardiac Rehabilitation Program gives people a second chance at life.



Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Staff: (left to right) Dr. Ron Vexler, Veronica Harris-McAllister, Marketa Graham, Lauren Shaps, Claire Zanetti, Miriam Gal-Taub, and Carla Gencher.

For most people, recuperating from heart surgery, heart attack, or coronary heart disease can be a very daunting task to overcome.

Claire Zanetti, the SJCC cardiac nurse, mentions that "at first one of our gentleman was severely depressed, anxious, and could not walk the perimeter of the gymnasium ... Now he is exercising 30 minutes on the bike. That's just amazing!"

Starting this month, the SJCC is proud to announce that a steady flow of participants will begin to graduate from this ground-breaking program.

By June 2002, 40 out of 75 people will have completed their rehabilitation.

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### Personal Trainer Spotlight

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Nick's diversified background is what makes him such an amazing personal trainer.

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Before Barbara became a power lifting enthusiast at the SJCC, she was a very successful

athlete and long distance runner. After competing in both the Victoria and Boston Marathons in 1995 -1996, Barbara developed Chronic Fatigue Syndrome which took a toll on her body both physically and mentally. Once Barbara overcame her illness, she joined the Soloway Jewish Community Centre in 1998 to begin working out and rebuilding her strength and endurance. "I've always been

avid about staying fit," says Barbara. Barbara has a strict regiment which includes training three days a week focusing on different muscle groups each and every work out. "I've been a member since the beginning." She says. Barbara also mentions that "The SJCC is a wonderful place to exercise ... I live five minutes from downtown and very close to other fitness centres, but I still come here."



At 45 years of age, Barbara Crooke can power lift as much as 255 lbs. of dead weight. Barbara is a loyal member of the SJCC and a fitness enthusiast who wants other women to know and experience the benefits of weight lifting.

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Tehillah highlights the benefits of her music classes: "The structure of the classes is inspired by the Mozart Effect which emphasizes on a child's rhythm and coordination."

Parents are very pleased with



what the program offers: "Tehillah really keeps the class focused and keeps the children and parents moving and motivated", says mother of two, Brenda Levine.

Tehillah has completed her

ORFF level 1 training and BA in Music from the University of Ottawa.

For more information on SJCC parented music programs contact Jennifer Devries at 798-9818 ext. 280.

## JMBL Standings Week 12

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
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Gold	7	5	0
Maroon	6	5	1
Red	5	6	1
Black	4	8	0
Blue	2	10	0

Top 10 Scorers	Team	Avg
1. Adam Slipacoff	Blue	27.3
2. David Slover	White	27.2
3. Doron Dickson	White	25.4
4. Josh Schacter	Gold	25.1
5. Jon Oale	Gold	22.9
6. Manny Olszynko	Red	17.4
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9. Mark Cantor	Maroon	16.5
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**SJCC YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONS** (front row from left to right): Laya Polowin, Mitchell Gnlberg, Jordan Cantor, Nicola Bron, Taylor Schachnow, (kneeling) Lorne Kerzner; (back row) Assistant Coach Jacob Polowin, Josh Schachnow, Coach Michael Polowin and Jordan Abrams.

## Bat Mitzvah Club begins at SJCC

OTC Chabad and SJCC are pleased to announce an exciting extracurricular program for teen girls - The Bat Mitzvah Club. A Jewish girl's Bat Mitzvah birthday reflects a major turning point in her life. This club emphasizes that a Bat Mitzvah is a process, not a self-contained event that transpires in one day.

Reaching beyond the common conception of a Bat Mitz-

vah being a "Bar Mitzvah for girls", the club serves as a forum for discussion and discovery of the true meaning of Bat Mitzvah. It encourages the girls to gain new perspectives on their positions as females, adults, and as Jews.

"This is an age when girls manifest the interest, curiosity and energy towards discovering more about themselves and the world around them", says Dina

Blum of OTC Chabad.

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# Ottawa author wins prestigious award for collection of short stories

By Kinneret Globberman

Last October 11, Gabriella Goliger must have thought that the path she'd chosen as a writer had been the right one, after all.

She had just won the Upper Canada Brewing Company's Writer's Craft Award for her collection of short stories, *Song of Ascent*, published by Raincoast Books. She was being feted in the company of six other writers short-listed for the prize by host Daniel Richter and judges of her peers. With the \$10,000 prize, she had finally "arrived" as a short-story writer.

She may still have had her doubts, even though some of the book's 11 stories had already been published independently over the years in literary journals, and some had even won prizes, including the prestigious Journey Prize.

It had taken Goliger a decade to write the stories and throughout those years, prizes notwithstanding, she had often wondered whether what she was doing made sense. And whether it was a legitimate "occupation" for her, or just an indulgent avocation. Making a living through Gabriella Goliger Services Inc., her writing/editing company which focused primarily on government contracts, was "legitimate" writing that paid the bills. Creative writ-

ing was a questionable enterprise.

As a child, Goliger never really saw herself as a writer. That wasn't what she intentionally set out to do in her life. Her ambition, instead, was not to grow up.

Gabriella Goliger was born in 1949, in Italy, and lived in Israel for most of her childhood. Her family moved to Montreal when she was 12 and Goliger spent her teenage years growing up on a street full of immigrants, across from the University of Montreal. Many afternoons were spent playing in the woods of Mount Royal, not far from where she lived.

"It was a great place for daydreaming," she says of Montreal's beloved hill. "And I was a dreamy child."

But children do grow up; although Goliger did everything she could to postpone the inevitable. "I tried hard," she chuckles. "I wanted to go on to graduate school because that was one way of postponing growing up. I was very determined."

With a BA in English from McGill, Goliger set her sites on Hebrew University. She took 3 1/2 years to complete its intensive Masters of Arts program, returning to Montreal in 1974. Goliger immediately went to work for her family in their travel business and headed up to Baffin Island a year later to



Gabriella Goliger  
(Photo: Shawn Scalfien)

open a branch there before finally pulling out her pen.

Her writing career began inauspiciously with the community newspaper in (then) Frobisher Bay. After a year and a half in the cold north, Goliger settled in Ottawa where she worked as a writer/editor for non-profits before starting her own writing business. Only then, while beginning to make a reasonable living, did she turn to creative writing.

It started with a night course at the University of Ottawa with writer Frances Itani, well-known and well-respected locally. Then, it was a summer workshop at Queen's University with Jane Urquhart, a workshop in Saskatchewan, and a year's sabbatical to study at Concordia.

"Always the struggle was, 'Is this a real vocation, or just a hobby?'" says Goliger. "I still struggle."

Her first story was written in 1993. Goliger chose the short-story form instead of the novel because she liked the flexibility of the genre and the sense of accomplishment and completion she felt each time a story was put to paper.

The stories were written independently, and it was only after completing a few of them that Goliger could see the linkage. She decided to put them into a collection. The stories (which will be reviewed in an upcoming issue of *The Bulletin*) are based on her family but much is fictionalized, she claims.

"I took memory and reality and made stories out of it. Life is much messier than stories are."

Goliger grew up in a home with parents who had escaped the Holocaust. Her mother and father were atheists, yet Goliger's stories are imbued with the Jewish experience and the struggle for searching one's place in the Jewish scheme of things. Goliger herself belongs to the Reform synagogue but she too - like some of her characters - struggles with the concept of being Jewish; what it means and all it entails.

"I fall into the category of the ever-questioning-for-an-identity Jew," muses Goliger. "It's a very elastic and slippery thing. I keep

knocking my head against the fact that I'm more of an atheist than anything. [Yet] I feel profoundly connected to the Jewish people and to their history."

Goliger won't reveal the reality vs. fiction equation of her stories. Undoubtedly, one overlaps the other closely. Goliger's mother certainly found the stories painful to read. And in fact, it was concern for the reaction of her family initially, which made Goliger hesitate to publish the stories in the first place.

"I thought, 'Well, if they ever get published, it will be in some obscure little English journal and nobody I know will read them', and that indeed happened for a number of years. But then came this opportunity to publish a book, and then I

thought, 'Well, if I get published it will be in some obscure little book that nobody I know in my immediate family will get hold of.'"

"I thought I could not publish, or I could publish and not tell them."

Goliger's brother advised her to publish and tell, and that's what she did.

Yet winning the Writer's Craft Award hasn't made Goliger's writing any easier.

"It's still a constant struggle. The truth is no award in the world can make the next sentence you write any good."

The writer is working on her next collection of stories. She hopes to someday (soon) write a novel. Not bad for someone who never intentionally set out to be a writer in the first place.

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## JET and Cantor Daniel Benlolo team up for "Let's Sing the Seder"

Pesach is rapidly approaching and our thoughts are on cleaning, cooking, and of course, the main event, the Seder. For many people, thoughts of the Pesach Seder lead to feelings of warmth, nostalgia, and memories of Seder's past. But for others the thought of the Pesach Seder induces panic, especially if they will be leading the Seder for the first time.

JET (Jewish Education through Torah) has responded to both, those who are panicked and those who simply



Cantor Daniel Benlolo

want to be better prepared by introducing a new course called "Let's Sing the Seder." Led by Cantor Daniel Benlolo,

Rabbi Zischa Shaps and Rabbi David Burger, participants will review the traditional tunes, learn new ones, and enhance their understanding of the structure and meaning of the Seder. This year when your child asks "Why is this night different from all other nights?", you will know the answer and be able to sing it too!

Let's Sing the Seder will be held on Sunday evenings, March 10 and 17 from 6:30 until 8:00 pm at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Let's Sing the Seder is geared for adults of all ages. Children ages 10 and up are welcome to attend with their parents. Audiotapes will be available for a small fee.

Pre-registration is requested. Call 798-9818, ext. 247 for more information.

Locally, we support needy families through our school supplies project.

## Kosher for Passover wine sale

Na'Amat Ottawa's Aviva Chapter is holding its annual Kosher for Passover Wine sale. Our wine list includes wines from California, Italy, France, Australia, Chile, and of course Israel. Also available will be kosher fruit wines and liqueurs. Many of these wines cannot be found at your local liquor store.

Na'Amat, which is the acronym for Working Women and Volunteers, is supported by 800,000 members in Israel, and 100,000 members worldwide. Na'Amat is responsible for 60 per cent of Israel's childcare. In addition it helps to support victims of domestic violence through counselling and legal aid.

To receive a copy of our wine list or Norene Gilletz's latest cookbook, The Food Processor or if you know of someone who would be interested, call Deana Schildkraut (726-9595). All money raised support Na'Amat projects.

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# From senior civil servant to children's writer

By Sharon Abron Orache

Jo-Anne Cohen Sulzenco learned much from her father, Maxwell Cohen (1910-1998), scholar, jurist and public servant extraordinaire. His stellar career included the deanship of McGill Law School, the chairing of five royal commissions, most notably the Special Committee on Hate Propaganda, scholar-in-residence at Ottawa University and tireless supporter and adviser on legal matters to numerous national Jewish organizations. Internationally he represented Canada at the United Nations, and was Canadian chair of the Canada/United States International Joint Commission. In the 1980s, he served as judge ad hoc to the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

The sole progeny of Maxwell and Isle Cohen, Cohen Sulzenco admits to living her life on "fast forward." For 31 years of her remarkable groundbreaking career in the public service of Canada until her retirement in the summer of 2001, Cohen Sulzenco worked as a senior manager dealing with complex policy issues. It was during the summer of 1996, when she was on holiday with her husband, Andrei, and their two children, Alexa and Ben that she found herself puzzling over the kind of work she was doing. "I was sitting watching my husband play ball with my kids, and I had a short story come into my head. I was so surprised as I didn't know where the story was going while I was writing it down in my note-



Jo-Anne Cohen-Sulzenco at launch of *Annabella and the Werewolves of Whale Cove*, her third and most recently published book.

book. It was not a process I was familiar with, except when I wrote poetry many years before.

"It was an amazing moment, which electrified me on the spot – I decided to reinvent myself." Writing poetry, children's stories, adult fiction and creative non-fiction were the four fronts calling to me – why not, all four," she offers candidly.

To test the writing waters, she began writing letters to the editor at the *Citizen* as JC Sulzenco.

"I did not want to be

identified as a woman, only as a writer, recognized for the ideas behind my words." My father chuckled over the name change, but he was impressed by what I wrote."

Cohen Sulzenco still found herself glued to her public servant's career, which in retrospect proves to be exceptional for a female civil servant of her generation.

"I first worked in Consumer and Corporate Affairs in the heady days of Ralph Nader. I loved the work, and the idea that I was doing service for the

people of Canada. Many of my colleagues came into the government in the early 1970s with the idea of national service having priority over making money.

"I began travelling and doing seminars. Soon I found myself in communications, but then it was called PR. I was very good at it, but I didn't like it. I felt like I was in a sandwich between the politicians and the civil servants – trying to please both."

Cohen Sulzenco career assignments have included a program where she identified civil servants who had senior management potential, executive assistant to the Deputy Solicitor General, the Privy Council Office and the first female at the executive level on a management committee of CSIS.

Looking back, she says, "I must say I had an incredible, really interesting career shaping government policies and management issues. I loved being in the heat of battle... I still do..."

Reconciling the reclu-

sive life of the writer with being in the firing line in the public service became a major preoccupation from 1996 on. "I chose my initials as a pen name before J.K. Rowling," she smiles.

Coincidentally, JC Sulzenco's first three books are for children: *Annabella and the Tycoon* (1999), *Back to Back Stories for Lilli and Zach!* (2000), and *Annabella and the Werewolves of Whole Cove* (2001), published by her very own, independent publishing house, Blue Poodle Books.

But JC Sulzenco, like Jo-Anne Cohen Sulzenco, is not accustomed to getting anything slowly. From the final draft stage of her first children's book, *Annabella and the Tycoon*, it took only 11 weeks to see the manuscript between covers, and distributed on the market.

"Annabella and the Tycoon is dedicated to JC's mother and late father. Her mother, Isle, edited the book. "My mother is a won-

derful editor and proof reader. She was a reporter at the Vancouver Herald News during the war. Pierre Berton was also on staff. She edits all my work, and is a great supporter." JC admits to having two favourite editors, the second is her husband, Andrei Sulzenco, assistant deputy minister, policy sector of Industry Canada.

Blue Poodle Publications are available at most local Smithbooks and Coles, and at Mother Tongue Books, 1067 Bank Street. They sell for \$7.95. You can also order them from JC's website: [www.bluepoodlebooks.ca](http://www.bluepoodlebooks.ca) or by e-mailing direct to: [bluepoodlebooks@hotmail.com](mailto:bluepoodlebooks@hotmail.com).

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### Media Monitoring

Over 25 people representing all spectrums of the community, participated in a recent advocacy workshop led by Marra Messinger of the Canada Israel Committee. Issues included how to determine what is an anti-Israel comment, if there is a difference between an anti-Israel and an anti-Semitic comment, and what our aim is in answering to such comments.

The session focused on myths and distortions presented by the Palestinians. The group was shown how to effectively use slogans, catch phrases and mantras for our own purposes. Breakaway groups simulated questions and responses from provided scenarios and then role-played these to the attendees. Participants came away armed with a clearer understanding of the issues and better equipped to respond to them.

Interested parties willing to train in a future session are asked to contact Rebecca Holzman (798-4696, ext. 234 or email [rholzman@jccottawa.com](mailto:rholzman@jccottawa.com)).

### Neighbourhood Watch

The Vaad has initiated a pilot project as part of our mandate to ensure the safety and security of visitors and users to the Campus. Initially comprising 20 community-minded members, this volunteer security squad, identified as a Neighbourhood Watch team, met on February 7 to be trained by Constable Bob Gagné of the Ottawa Police Force. The project is led by Paul Bender, Jewish war veteran and a volunteer with the Ottawa Police Force.

Interested parties can contact Alyce Baker (798-4696, ext. 255) to volunteer.

### Birthright Israel

Registration for the May trip opens up on February 18. To register online go to the website: [www.israelforfree.com](http://www.israelforfree.com).

### Iran 10 Update

The second of 10 Iranian Jews jailed on charges of spying for Israel has been freed recently. Originally 13 Jews were arrested on espionage charges. Three of the accused were acquitted but the other 10 were convicted in July 2000 and given sentences ranging from four to 13 years.

The recent release of Faramaz Kashi, after completing his entire three year sentence, does not bode well for the remaining prisoners. Events of September 11 have overshadowed any hopes for progress and the human rights community worldwide seems to have lost interest.

### OVH

Effective February 11, all flavoured coffees from International Kafia Coffee are certified kosher pareve.

### March of the Living

The Ottawa Jewish community is poised to send 11 candidates to March of the Living. Led by chaperone, Sabina Wasserlauf, these young teens will be spending two weeks in both Poland and Israel, between Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

### Yom HaShoah

Noted author and professor, Frank Bialystok will be the feature guest speaker at this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration which will take place Monday, April 8 at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. See details in future editions of the Bulletin.

## Shalva Berti to sing at Israeli House Purim Party

On Sunday, February 24 at 7:30 pm, one of Israel's well-known television and radio stars, Shalva Berti, will perform at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) for the Israeli House Purim Costume Party.

The Israeli House is a program co-sponsored by the Embassy of Israel and the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program to provide a social and culture events for Israelis in Ottawa.

Berti, who is currently touring in North America will sing traditional as well as modern Hebrew tunes. Her concert will be followed by a dance party.

Shalva Berti has been on stage since the age of 10. After completing her duties in the Israeli army, Berti began traveling with the Shalom Group, and landed a role in the most recent release of *Joseph and the*



Shalva Berti, well-known Israeli television and radio star, will perform at the SJCC's Israeli House Purim Party, February 24.

*Technicolor Dream Coat*. In addition, she has toured as an emissary for several Israeli Foreign Ministry programs such as "The Sochnut" and the "Youth and Cholutz."

The Purim party is part

of a series of monthly programs held at the SJCC Centre by the Israeli House. The programs are designed to create a space where Israelis can socialize, listen to lectures and movies in Hebrew, and swap news

about Israel. Each meeting has a 15 minute session devoted to singing Israeli songs.

Sara Vered, chair of the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, remarked, "In this celebration of Purim, I think of the words to the song, 'Henay matov oomanayim, shevet achim gam yachad.' (how good and pleasant it is that we dwell together), and find it wonderful to see that the Israeli House has found place in our Jewish community."

The Purim party will take place at the SJCC in the Joseph and Rose Ages Building at 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. Tickets are on sale at the Centre. The event is open to all adults in the community, but be prepared: the language spoken at all Israeli House events is Hebrew. For more information, contact Avivit Erlichman (798-9818, ext. 276).

## Italian Purim Fiesta February 25 at Soloway JCC

Following the overwhelming success of last year's Purim Hawaiian Luau, OTC Chabad will be featuring this year an "Italian Purim Fiesta." Monday, February 25, 2002 at the Soloway JCC.

The festival of Purim commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people of Persia from extermination during the 5th century B.C.E. The Biblical Book of Esther relates how Haman, chief minister of king Achashverosh, plotted to destroy and execute all the Jews, men, women and children of the Persian Empire. The courage and self-sacrifice of Mordechai, the Jew, and his niece,

Queen Esther brought about the miraculous deliverance of the Jewish people.

"To celebrate this joyous occasion, we have decided to host a party for the whole family with an Italian theme," says Rabbi Menachem M. Blum, executive director of OTC Chabad. "All are invited to come dressed up as it is the tradition on Purim, the most happy Jewish holiday."

A delicious catered Italian buffet dinner, "all one can eat," will be served. "Royal wine" will be available and a masquerade (in optional Italian attire) will add to the festivities. The program will include a play

by "The Purim Theatre" and a Magic Show by "Born to Amaze" Chris Pilsworth. Of course, the Megillah will be read with a simultaneous slide presentation.

"This will bring the family together in an exciting celebration of fun for all ages," says Rabbi Blum. "Our holidays, and in this case Purim, have to come to life to leave a lasting impact."

The Italian Purim Fiesta will place in the Nathan David and Max Zelikovitz Families Social Hall at the Soloway JCC. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children five years old and up; children under five are free.

For more information and reservation, call Rabbi Blum at OTC Chabad (823-0866).

## Mazal Tov!

### Engaged!

Gloria and Barry Trainoff are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen to David Rosenbloom, son of Lil and Jerry Rosenbloom of Toronto.

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## Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

Purim is the only holiday whose central figure is a woman. This is emphasized by a traditional drosh that points out that the Purim story is told in Megillot Esther – not Megillot Mordechai, or Mordechai and Esther.

We've come to celebrate Purim as a children's holiday. The kids dress up as the King; Vashti – his beautiful, but rebellious, first wife; Esther and her uncle Mordechai; and the arch-villain, Haman. The rowdy holiday celebration serves to socialize new generations to the unending round of danger and salvation in Jewish history. Esther is a kind of Joan of Arc of Jewish survival. For a very good approach to Purim for kids, see the colorful Torah Tots site: <http://www.torahTots.com/holidays/purim/purim1.htm>

For the adult version of Purim the best place to start is, of course, the bible itself. Megillot Esther is available in an English version at <http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Bible/Esther.html>.

How would a Cecil B. De Mille film this traditional story of court intrigue, danger, and the turning of the tables through bravery and

wit? Esther is caught in a triangular male-dominated conflict. Besides Mordechai, the triangle consists of the King and Haman, the villain. For King Ahasuerus, the De Mille version of the story makes Esther into a trophy wife, a more compliant, younger, more beautiful successor to Vashti. Haman is ruthlessly ambitious, covetous, and a thinly veiled sexual predator – he wants to be honored by wearing the king's robe, by standing in for the king; what else does he want that the king has? And Mordechai is, of course, the good guy. But he puts Esther into the king's nuptial beauty contest, and he does this well before he knows that there is any danger to the Jews of Shushan.

A well-illustrated introduction to the environment in which Esther found herself is the on-web version of a museum exhibit from Sydney Australia on Cyrus the Great, Emperor of Persia. Cyrus was a far-seeing, well-meaning ruler; in a decree he issued, preserved on a clay cylinder at the British Museum (with a replica at the United Nations) he makes a basic declaration of human rights, irrespective of nation-

## Esther and the adult version of Purim

al origin. The Sydney site is at <http://www.oznet.net/cyrus>. Also see Anshei Sephard – Bnei El Emeth Congregation's Web page on "Attitudes and Culture in the Persian Court" ([http://www.asbee.org/purim\\_persian.htm](http://www.asbee.org/purim_persian.htm)) which quotes a chilling observation that the Persians were materially and culturally an advanced society – like Germany 2,500 years later – but "look what happened."

Despite their recognition that Esther's role is highlighted by the name of the scroll, one is troubled by the way traditional interpretations deal with the two central female characters who propel the action of the Purim story.

Vashti's act of virtue – perhaps her only act of overt resistance to sexual exploitation – is whittled away, and explained as the opposite of virtuous, in Aish.com's retelling of her story ([http://www.aish.com/holidays/purim/villainy\\_of\\_vashti.asp](http://www.aish.com/holidays/purim/villainy_of_vashti.asp)). Esther's modesty, of course, cannot be questioned, but take a look at what Chabad does in interpreting Esther's role. Mordechai, Esther's uncle and guardian, moves to the central role in the story. As Chabad says, "Mordechai also played a role in the salvation ... he was the dominant force behind Esther." (<http://www.his.com/cha/purim/woman.htm>) In effect, both Esther and Vashti

are seen as lacking in any positive capabilities to decide and act for themselves. They needed male guidance in crucial situations where moral values are linked to courageous action.

The need to revise the views of both Vashti and Esther is demonstrated by Rabbi Arthur Waskow's brief essay on Vashti as a feminist hero (<http://www.shalomctr.org/html/seas09.html>). Waskow works with the Shalom Center in Philadelphia, a self-proclaimed centre of Jewish renewal based on an approach to traditional values, emphasizing social and environmental concerns, stemming from the activism of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Heidi Hennessey, a student in the Judaic studies group at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, has written an honours paper that carefully outlines the issues that the story of Esther presents in the traditional interpretations. Ms. Hennessey's paper can be found at <http://www.uwec.edu/Academic/Curric/grei>

[debe/HonorsWorld%20Religions/IndasmiGrp/Heidi%20pages/heidindex.htm](http://debe/HonorsWorld%20Religions/IndasmiGrp/Heidi%20pages/heidindex.htm)

It's time to consider Esther as a role model for adult behavior. The Purim story is essentially about free will and determinism, and at its core, it turns on the question of individual moral autonomy and responsibility. Gender stereotypes, like other stereotypes, do more harm than good. They take away the question of individual conscience and action-

individuals are seen as acting in ways determined by the group they belong to. But group behaviour is rarely a good model for moral courage or effective action for change.

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# A fresh look at Queen Esther and her predecessors



## Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

In describing the revelation on Mt. Sinai, the Torah reads, "Thus shalt you say to the House of Jacob and tell the Children of Israel." Our ancient scholars decided "the House of Jacob" refers to women while "the Children of Israel" refers to men. Women, in other words, were the first to receive Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Given that scenario, it seems fitting to suggest that in preparing for Purim, our one holiday celebrating a heroine, we might want to take a fresh look at Queen Esther and her biblical predecessors. The following exciting, memorable book is an excellent starting point.

**Daughters Of Fire**  
**Heroines Of The Bible**  
By Fran Manushkin  
Illustrated by Uri Shulevitz  
Silver Whistle/Harcourt Inc. 2001

76 pps. Ages 8 and up

While it is tempting to describe *Daughters Of Fire* as a retelling of Jewish bible stories that feature women, to do so would be as misleading as describing challah as just another loaf of bread. *Daughters Of Fire* has atam, a flavour that is as distinctive, beautiful and delicious as the sweetest twisted challah.

Its recipe sounds easy. Take a bible story, add a bit of this and that from the Talmud and Mishnah, season with borrowings from legends and folklore, mix with a healthy splash of modern Jewish feminism and creative personal interpretation, and behold, a new Midrash.

Writing lyrically to reflect the power, splendour and grace of her fiery subjects, Manushkin presents each woman's role and characteristics, though unique in specifics, as an extension of

God's plan and her predecessors' actions. Each makes choices that affect untold generations to come.

The story of Eve sets the tone and themes. Fire images abound as celestial light, a wandering body of "living waters," and a desire for knowledge begin in the Garden of Eden. When Eve is expelled, she takes those features of Eden with her.

Over the generations they assume different shapes and functions but their lineage is constant. Sarah's desire for knowledge leads her to a belief in a single God. She adds courage, loyalty, faith and hospitality to the mix. Deeds of kindness, lighting Shabbat candles, and prayer begin with Sarah.

Eden's celestial light becomes the spark in Shabbat candles and the Cloud of Glory that crowns the tents of Sarah and Rebecca. It guides the Hebrews fleeing Egypt, and engulfs Mt. Sinai, and the Tabernacle. The "living waters" save Hagar and Ishmael, honour Miriam, and on and on.

Throughout the stories of the matriarchs and their successors all too human stories

of rivalries and barrenness intertwine with spiritual strivings and achievements.

In two time periods, women are honoured as a group: "The Women of the Exodus" and "The Women in the Wilderness." The former group resists Pharaoh's decrees that would have killed off the ancient Hebrews by persisting to have children. The latter group refuses to contribute jewellery for the creation of the Golden Calf but surrenders it gladly to decorate the Tabernacle.

In the land of Israel, five women continue their predecessors' traditions. Deborah takes female leadership to new heights as a judge, prophet, and military leader. Yael (Judith) becomes a female warrior, summoning courage and guile to slay Sisera.

Hannah's story is a renewed lesson in female rivalry, faith, and prayer. Ruth and Naomi are the quintessential models for personal relationships, returning to the land, and welcoming the convert. Ruth, after all, is the great-grandmother of King David.



From *Daughters of Fire*

Finally, a powerful lesson about living in the Diaspora from Queen Esther. Like us, young Hadassah lived in a multicultural Diaspora. Having been chosen Queen, she could have opted for a relatively carefree, assimilated lifestyle.

But Queen Esther chose to stay in touch with her family and heritage. She chose to light Shabbat candles. She chose to listen to her Uncle Mordechai and put her life at risk by defying

a royal decree and by publicly identifying with a people marked for death. Queen Esther chose solidarity.

Uri Shulevitz's gem-like full colour illustrations underscore the humanity of each story. Manushkin's "Afterwards" provides additional food for thought about the relevance of those *Daughters Of Fire* for today's young people. Bravo to both!

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# Hamantaschen for chocolate lovers



## Soup to Nuts

Donna Karlin

I can't remember where I first saw this recipe, but I tucked it away to share with all you chocolate lovers out there. You can substitute any kind of filling for the chocolate nut paste. Try a Reece's mini peanut butter cup or a square of Caramilk bar. Any kind of chocolate works.

These will disappear fast but they're rich so a taste goes a long way! And for those of you who like to stick to a more traditional hamantaschen recipe here is a wonderful filling made of dried cranberries. Happy Purim!

### Chocolate Hamantaschen

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk or water
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 4 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- Chocolate nut paste, Reece's mini peanut butter cups, or Caramilk squares
- 1 egg yolk beaten with 1 tbsp water for egg wash
- Sugar



Cream the butter and sugar in the processor until smooth. Add eggs and process until incorporated. Add milk or water and vanilla. Process On/Off until combined. If mixture seems curdled, add a bit of flour to thicken it. Add the cocoa, flour, salt and baking powder. Process just until it becomes a soft dough. Transfer dough to a lightly floured work surface and knead gently to form into a large smooth

round. Divide dough in two pieces, wrap in plastic and chill for 10 to 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°.

Stack two baking sheets, one inside another to make a thicker base to prevent burning. Line the top baking sheet with parchment.

Roll dough on a lightly floured board to about 1/8". Cut into 3" circles with a cookie cutter or open end of a drinking glass. To prevent sticking, dip glass or cutter into a bit of flour before making circles. Brush rounds with egg wash. Fill with a generous teaspoonful of chocolate nut paste or other filling of choice. Bring up three sides to make a triangle. Brush filled pastry with egg wash and sprinkle with sugar if desired. Bake in top third of oven for 18 to 25 minutes. Watch carefully to make sure they don't burn. Cool thoroughly before serving.

### Cranberry Hamantaschen Filling

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup water
- Zest of one orange
- 1/4 tsp vanilla or orange extract
- Pinch cinnamon
- 1/3 cup sugar, or to taste
- 2 cups dried cranberries
- 1 cup yellow raisins
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts (optional)

Place water, orange juice, lemon juice, cranberries, sugar and raisins in a non-aluminum saucepan and combine over low heat. Stir often with a wooden spoon for about 8 to 12 minutes. Add water if mixture appears to be drying or thickening too quickly. Remove saucepan from stove and let mixture cool for about 5 minutes. Place mixture in a food processor and add walnuts if using. Process to make a paste. Add additional water or orange juice if mixture requires thinning. Taste mixture and add additional sugar if needed. Can be chilled for 2 weeks in airtight container, or frozen until needed. If chilled filling is too stiff to spread, loosen with some warm water or juice. Recipe can be doubled.

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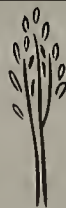
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In memory of Elise Ziprkowsky by Eddie and Sandi Cook and family.

### JACOB GLAOSTONE MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear mother and grandmother Fanny Osterer by Joey and Blanche Osterer and family.

### STAN AND LIBBY GLUBE FAMILY FUNO

In memory of Pearl (Penna) Gross by Ariene and Norman Glube.

### ANN GLUZMAN MEMORIAL FUNO

In memory of Helen Pettis by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz and family.

In memory of Pearl (Penna) Gross by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz and family.

In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz and family.

In memory of Willie Berger by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz and family.

### GEDRAGE AND MARY GOLOBERG ENDOWMENT FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved husband, father and grandfather George J. Goldberg by Mary Goldberg and family.

### SAUL AND EDNA GOLOFARB ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Oahla Kuweyfi by Edna and Saul Goldfarb.

### JEFFREY AND ENID GOULD FAMILY FUND

Best wishes to Lawrence Silber on assuming the position of Chai of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre by Enid and Jeff Gould.

Yasheh Koach to Ian Sherman on a job well done as Chai of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre by Enid and Jeff Gould.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a dear father and grandfather Victor Gould by Jeff, Enid, Andy, and Mami Gould; and by Jill and Alex Levan.

### VICTOR AND RACHEL GOULO ENDOWMENT FUND

Mazal Tov to Rachel Gould on her special birthday by Anne Teller, by Marilyn, Wendy and Lon Waserman and Doron Meinhad, and by Rhoda, Jeff, Abbey and Zac Simbiow.

### BEN (BERCHIK) AND IOA GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Bernice Kernzer on the engagement of her daughter Or. Rhonda Kernzer to Oavid Buckskan by Lily and Jerry Penso and family, and by Max and Ellie Greenberg and family.

Mazal Tov to Or. Rhonda Kernzer and Oavid Buckskan on their engagement by aunt Lily and uncle Jerry Penso and family, and by Oavid Max and aunt Ellie Greenberg and family.

### ROSE AND ROGER GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a deeply beloved mother and grandmother Clara Slack by Harvey Slack and Jerry Slack.

### MICHAEL DANIEL HILL MEMORIAL FUND

Congratulations to Lawrence Silber on assuming the Chair of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre by Joyce and Marcey Greenblatt.

### HILLEL LOOGE LEGACY FUND

Mazal Tov to Sunny and Sheldon Shaffer on their 55th wedding anniversary by Julius and Clair Kiantzberg.  
In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Lilian and Mark Zunder.

In memory of Israel Simon by Lilian and Mark Zunder.

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**Mazal Tov to Chaya Cohen on her acceptance into Ramat Mamones School by Tally and Mommy Cohen.**

In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Rabbi Mitchell and Yocheved Cohen.

In memory of Etie Spector by Rabbi Mitchell and Yocheved Cohen; and by Anne Edelson.

**Mazal Tov to Helen Baumgarten on her special birthday by Kayla and Alvin Mallay.**

In memory of Rosaline Adelberg by Rabbi Mitchell and Yocheved Cohen and family.

In memory of Frieda Bratt by Rabbi Mitchell and Yocheved Cohen and family.

In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Norman and Janet Ironstone.

**Mazal Tov to Anna and Ronny Cantor on the birth of their grandsons Mark and Samuel by Norman and Janet Ironstone.**

In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Norman and Janet Ironstone.

**Mazal Tov to Jack Smith on his special birthday by Pauline Hochberg.**

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**Mazal Tov to Emie and Ray Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter by Pauline Hochberg.**

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In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Anne and Al Bloom.  
In memory of Isobel Firestone by Anne and Al Bloom.

**SHARDN KOFFMAN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
In memory of Isobel Firestone by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.  
In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon.

**KDVOV FUND**  
In memory of Henry Cooper by Diane Koven.  
In memory of Frieda Bratt by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ik.

**Mazal Tov to Milor Melman on his Bar Mitzvah by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.**

**ISSIE AND EDITH LANDAU ENDDWMENT FUND**  
In memory of Pearl (Penina) Gross by Edie Landau.  
Wishing Carol Stephen Chaiel well by Edie Landau.

**HILLY AND STEVEN LESH ENDDWMENT FUND**  
In memory of Carole Gagnon's mother by Hilly, Steve, Maya and Dahlia Lesh.

**NORMAN AND ISABEL LESH ENDDWMENT FUND**  
Wishing Ruth Aaron a ruah sh'lemah by Isabel and Norman Lesh.  
In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

**SAMUEL AND MARY LESH MEMORIAL FUND**  
In memory of William "Bill" Smolkin by Ida and Bernie Lesh.

**SALLY AND ELLIOTT LEVITAN ENDDWMENT FUND**  
In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Sally and Elliott Levitan.  
Mazal Tov to Dorothy Lief on her special birthday by Sally and Elliott Levitan.

**NATHAN AND LAURIE LEVITIN MEMORIAL FUND**  
Wishing Rita Cole a ruah sh'lemah by Miriam Levitin.

**ERNEST AND IDA LEVITZ MEMORIAL FUND**  
In memory of Rose Levitz by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz and family; and by Jamie and Doreen Levitz and family.

**ESTELLE AND JOHN LIBERMAN ENDDWMENT FUND**  
In memory of Jack Bolrover by John and Estelle Liberman.

**ABRAHAM AND DORA LITHWICK MEMORIAL FUND**  
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a very dear mother, Dora Lithwick, by her daughter, Sarah Green.  
In observance of the Yahrzeit of a wonderful mother, Dora Lithwick, by her son Sidney.

**SAMUEL AND LEEMA MAGIDSON MEMORIAL FUND**  
In memory of Jack Zuckerman by Roslyn and Amie Kimmel and family; and by Leema Magidson and family.  
In memory of Bella Lauter by Roslyn and Amie Kimmel and family.

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**Kimmel and family.**  
Best wishes to Richard Stern on his special birthday by Roslyn and Amie Kimmel and family.

**OTTAWA TDRH INSTITUTE EDUCATION FUND**  
Best wishes to Bert Koenig on his special birthday by Adele and Jeff Sidney.  
In memory of Morris Brodsky by Adele and Jeff Sidney.

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With appreciation to Cantor Moshe Kraus by Sam Petigorsky.  
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In memory of Larry Pleet by Rochelle and Bill Elman; by Wayne Chodoff; and by Leonard Shore and Jane Misky.

**NORMAN AND EVELYN POLECHIN ENDDWMENT FUND**  
Best wishes to Ruth Levitt on her special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.  
Best wishes to Allan Polechin on his special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.

**Mazal Tov to Gdalyah and Florence Rosenfeld on their 47th anniversary by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.**

**Best wishes to Allan Ruckenstein on his special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.**

**Best wishes to Kathleen Polechin on her special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.**

**Best wishes to Emie Polechin on his special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.**

**Best wishes to Ted Wolfe on his special birthday by Norman and Evelyn Polechin.**

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Mazal Tov to Deborah and Joseph Gaytak on the Bar Mitzvah of their son David by Cynthia and Abe Engel; by Michael Bellman and Nicola Hamer; by Dr. Paul and Jennie Glzman; by Issie and Rosale Rose; by Dr. Gary and Alison Goldfield; by Lorraine and Stanley Goldberg; by Dr. Michael and Andrea Malek; by the Adarson Tzedakah Foundation; by Dr. Thora and Judith Brezman; by The Honourable Herb and Sharon Gray; by Dr. and Mrs. Brian Allshuler; by Paul Dugard, O.C.; by Seymour Mayne and Sharon Katz; by Dorothy Savitt Landy; by Dr. Robert and Linda Fingele; by Dr. Sidney and Cally Kardash; by Zvi Gross; by Jason and Jennie Shinder; by Issie and Leah Scarowsky; by Jean Miller; by Dr. Simi and Steven Silver; by Cantor David and Gila Apolitzer; by Baila and Charles Steinberg; by Elhijn and Barry Agulnik; by Chazan Moshe and Rivka Kraus; by Miriam and Goldie Schaffan; by Jonathan and Anna Freedman; by Golda Feig and Ned Steinman; by Jack and Eva Miruk; by Danny and Kinneret Globberman; by Bryna and Murray Mann; by Eugeni and Yanna Ostrovsky; by Aris and Vivian Mann; by Max Ratner; by Evelyn Ballo; by Mrs. Morton W. Levinson; by Rabbi Ralael Wilschanski; by Ethel Marcus; by Joe and Fredell S. Cohen; by Yehzekel and Rina Khayali; by Burton and Marlene Rutman; by Marc and Carol Meirovitz; by Nathan and Darlene Schwartz; by Alex

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Thank you to all our good friends and family who contributed to the Agudath Israel Food Bank in memory of a dear husband and father, Harry Hershorn. Your visits, cards, phone calls of sympathy and generous donations were comforting and uplifting during this difficult time. Everyone's generosity was sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered. A sincere thank you to everyone.

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Congratulations to the Honourable John Manley on being named Canada's Man of the Year by Time Magazine by Shelley and Sid Rothman and family.

Mazal Tov to Nathan and Cindy Smith on the birth of their daughter Sabrina Inez Smith by Shelley and Sid Rothman.

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Mazal Tov to Ruth Levitan on the occasion of receiving the Ben Karp SJCC Volunteer Service Award by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir.

### HARDLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Frances Shaffer a ru'ush sh'leimah by Sarah and Milton Shaffer.

Mazal Tov to Michael and Wendy Green on the engagement of their daughter Robyn to Stephen by Frances Shaffer, Dorothy Shaffer and Rhea Wohl.

### ARNOLD SHINDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Best wishes to Bernard Shinder on his birthday by Laye and Sol Shabinsky.

### SDL AND ZELAINE SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Frieda Braf by the Board and Staff of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, and by Zelaene and Sol Shinder.

### DR. ROBERT NORMAN SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Don Seymour Klein by Lillian Shohet. In memory of Arthur Shohet by Lillian Shohet. In memory of Bert Newman by Lillian Shohet. In memory of Rosaline Adelberg by Lillian Shohet.

### ISRAEL AND REBECCA SHORE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Henry "Hank" Feller by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky.

### LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to David Appoline on his special birthday by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Mazal Tov to Morton and Sheila Tanner on the engagement of their son Hazland to Brandee Polsky by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

### MDE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Marlene Levine.

Mazal Tov to Charles Dallen on assuming the position of Chair of the CRIC by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman. Wishing Benita Langdon a ru'ush sh'leimah by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman.

### SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Ida Levitt continued good health by Joy and Seymour Mendler and family.

### JACK AND LINDA SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

In memory of Isobel Firestone by Jack, Linda and David Smith.

### SOLDWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mazal Tov to Dr. Jack Berman on the engagement of his son Phil to Sara Ellis by Linda Kerzner.

### SOLDWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH SERVICES FUND

Mazal Tov to Ariella Kimmel on being the recipient of the Grossman-Klein Teen Achievement Award by Linda and Archie Gogan; and by the Board and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir.

Mazal Tov to Avi Kym on the occasion of receiving the Grossman Klein Family Teen Leadership Award by the Board

and Staff of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir.

### LAURA AND GORDON SPERGLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Benita Langdon continued good health by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

Mazal Tov to Laura and Gordon Spergel on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Tori Danielle by Sally and Morton Teller.

Mazal Tov to Kippy and Brian Spergel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ton Danielle by Sally and Morton Teller.

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In memory of Sam Bergman by Anne Steinberg.

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In memory of Mrs. E. Miller's husband by Phyllis Sternthal.

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In memory of Rabbi Marvin Pritzker by Sally and Morton Teller.

### RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Steven and Linda Kerzner and family.

### CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Morton, Sheila, Stephanie and Harland Tanner.

Mazal Tov to Lane and Stephen Tanner on the engagement of their son Jason to Susan Segal by Sandra Eli and Aaron Hoffman.

Mazal Tov to Joe Segal on the engagement of his daughter Susan to Jason Tanner by Sandra, Eli and Aaron Hoffman.

### JEFFREY TAYLOR AND SUSIE WEISMAN ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Larry Pleet by Susie Weisman and Jeffrey Taylor and family.

In memory of Dahlia Kuwayti by Susie Weisman and Jeffrey Taylor and family.

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### MOSES, CHENYA AND HENRY TORDANTOW MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Jerry Tordantow on his special birthday by aunt Jean Naemark.

### STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Larry Pleet by Gail and Stephen Victor.

### SAM AND HELENE ZARET ENDOWMENT FUND

Best wishes to Helene Zaret on her birthday by Bella Leikin.

In memory of Irving Goodman by Helene Zaret and family.

In memory of Irving Fine by Helene Zaret and family. In memory of Gertrude Waxman by Helene Zaret; and by Neil and Debi Zaret and family.

### CHAIM AND SELA ZARETSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Irving Goodman by Lou and Sarah Salov. Wishing Abe Bookman continued good health by Lou and Sarah Salov.

In memory of Irving Fine by Lou and Sarah Salov. In memory of Rosaline Adelberg by Lou and Sarah Salov.

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### EVAN NADEL MACKAY MITZVAH FUND

In memory of Grant Hunter's father by Heni Nadel and family.





In memory of Mary Mahoney by Heni Nadel and family.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28	FRIDAY, MARCH 1	SATURDAY, MARCH 2	SUNDAY, MARCH 3
<p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre Friendship Club, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>AJASO: Drawing for Pleasure, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Torch Center Italian Purim Fiesta, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Family Punt Party, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cable 22, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Also televised February 24 at 10:00 am</p>	<p></p> <p><i>The Centre of Your Life</i></p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre, PD 1/2 Day Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>AJASO, Western Line Dancing, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Melita Pass Book Discussion Group, Book: Apples from the Desert by Savyon Liebrecht, Reviewer: Deborah Saginur, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Col-drey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>AJASO, Popier Maché, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>SJCC Mitzvah Knitters, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Choir, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Henry "Hank" Torentow 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Hillel Academy, 31 Nadenby Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shire Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadenby Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Mirvada Begonia Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p></p> <p>JET, Pirkei Avot/Strive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>AJASO - Drop-in Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Pershal Hashavuz, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Canadian Friends of Hillel University, Multiculturalism in the Jewish State: A case study, guest speaker Professor Jonathan Berg, The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadenby Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Col-drey Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p> <p></p> <p>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:32 PM</p>	<p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chasidic Meleive Malka and farbrengen for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Benick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Shmuel Kardash In cooperation with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism - Open to All, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p></p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Movie Night, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Israeli House, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadenby Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Temple Israel, Lecture: "The Middle East and the Media", guest speaker, Leonard Stern, Temple Israel Congregation, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Marzkei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
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women, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Around the Jewish Year, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>AJA 6th, Pepler Machi, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>SJCC, Mizvah Kitzura, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Temir Foundation Chole, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shire Ottawa Choir rehearsal, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Henry "Henk" Toronto 39th Beaver Cub Pack, Hill Academy, 31 Nodolny Sachs Private, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Portion of the Week Class for Men and Women, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Emunah Women, "A Special Showing of Selected Treasures of the Lowy Collection" with curator Cheryl Jette, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p>	 <p>JET, Pirkel Avodisrive for Truth, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>AJASO, Drop-in Bridge, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Pershet Hashavua, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>JET, The University Connection, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JET, Learn to Learn Chumash, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre PD Day Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Growing Tree Visiting Days, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Colclay Avenue, 8:45 a.m.</p>  <p><b>CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:22 PM</b></p>	<p>Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO, Trifile Night, Lakeside Gardens, Britannia Park, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre's Teen Department, Jewish Comedy Night, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>"Hand in Hand with the Rebbe" - a Chassidic Melave Malle and Lerebren for children, songs, video, refreshments, sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cable 22, 10:00 am</p>  <p>Beth Shalom Youth Choir rehearsals, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Bolnick, Jewish Youth Library, 192 Switzer Avenue, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Move &amp; Relax Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Tamir Foundation, Sing &amp; Play Along Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, noon.</p> <p>The Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Purim Carnival, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation; Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies; National Library of Canada presents "The Whitewind Elsewhere: Mordchai Richler and Our Compromised Times" - a panel discussion, The National Library of Canada, Auditorium, 395 Wellington Street, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>A Touch of Klez, The Bess and Mos Greenberg Family Mini Lodge, Lobby, 19 Nodolny Sachs Private, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Temir Foundation, Fun &amp; Games Program, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shiruvit! We walk in unison, with the SJCC, Class in Jewish Mysticism, open to all, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Israeli House Purim Party with The Israeli Singer Shlomo Barbi, The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nodolny Sachs Private, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talmud Study Group for Men, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Avenue, 8:30 p.m.</p>

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This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 738-9818 extension 255. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided. You may fax to 738-9833.

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